

Venture Out-Lines

www.VentureOutMesa.com

5001 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85205

March, 2024



Killmouski Examining the Freshly Planted Catnip

By Jonathan Williams

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Deadline	Ticket Cost	Page
February				
Friday Night Dance - Midnight Confessions	February 23	\$15 at the Door	\$10.00	22
Venture on the Sea	Feb 24,26,27,28	February 23	\$15.00	23
Liver & Onions Dinner	February 27	Past Deadline	\$12.00	17
Fired Clay Arts Salmon	February 28	Past Deadline	\$25.00	17
Leap Day Toga Party	February 29	February 26	\$12.00	25
March				
Friday Night Dance - Donny Grub Band	March 1	\$15 at the Door	\$10.00	22
Pet Association's Scavenger Hunt	March 3	X	\$5.00	26
Concert Series Ultimate Chicago	March 4	See Ad	\$30.00	26
Fashion Show & Raffle Draw	March 5	X	\$20.00	27
Electronics Elchilada Dinner	March 6	Until Sold Out	\$10.00	18
Rock & Gem Sloppy Joe's	March 7	February 27	\$10.00	18
Friday Night Dance - Johnny K & Kompany	March 8	\$15 at the Door	\$10.00	22
Rock & Gem Blueberry Pancakes	March 9	February 6	\$6.00	19
Silversmith Line Dance Fiesta	March 9	X	\$10.00	28
The Tonedevil Bros.	March 11	Until Sold Out	\$15.00	28
Turkey ala King	March 12	Until Sold Out	\$12.00	19
Corned Beef & Sauerkraut	March 14	March 5	\$12.00	20
St. Patty's Day Lunch	March 15	March 12	\$6.00	29
Friday Night Dance - Thaddeus Rose Band	March 15	\$15 at the Door	\$10.00	22
Meatloaf Lunch	March 18	March 12	\$12.00	20
Concert Series Mucgael Misko	March 18	See Ad	\$30.00	33
Turkey Croissant Lunch	March 21	March 12	\$10.00	20
Year End Celebration - Eagle Eyes	March 22	March 21	\$12.50	36
Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner	March 26	March 19	\$11.00	20
Chicken Pot Pie	March 28	March 19	\$11.00	21
Friday Night Dance - Midnight Confessions	March 29	\$15 at the Door	\$10.00	22
April				
Baked Chicken Dinner	April 4	March 26	\$12.00	21
Friday Night Dance - Desert Brew Band	April 5	\$15 at the Door	\$10.00	22
Baked Cod Dinner	April 11	April 2	\$14.00	21

Administration

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**CONTRACTOR/
VENDOR HOURS**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Daily

PATROL

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VO POST OFFICE

1:30 - 2:30 pm
Monday - Saturday
Newsletter
Submissions Only:
Outlines
@VentureOutMesa.com

MISSION STATEMENT

"Venture Out is an active 55+ retirement community where friendship, cooperation and volunteerism are highly valued, and where residents are involved in diverse activities, while keeping the park safe, secure, progressive, cost-efficient, and responsive to changing needs."

SOCIAL BOARD BUDGET MEETINGS

Feb 26 - Mar 1 • 1:00 pm • Cabana

TRANSMITTAL MEETING

Friday • March 1 • 8:30 am
Activity Office Conference Room

SOCIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday • March 5 • 9:00 am • Oasis

TOWN HALL MEETING

Wednesday • March 6 • 3:00 pm • Buena Vista Ballroom

CONDO BOARD MEETING

Thursday • March 7 • 9:00 am • Oasis

9X9 MEETING

Friday • March 8 • 9:00 am • Oasis

ANNUAL SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

Tuesday • March 19 • 1:00 pm • Buena Vista Ballroom

SOCIAL BOARD ORIENTATION

Thursday • March 21 • 9:00 am • Cabana

LAST REGULAR CONDO BOARD MEETING

Thursday • MARCH 21 • 9:00 am • Oasis

SOCIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday • March 26 • 9:00 am • Oasis

OUT-LINES

The next publication of the Out-Lines will be **Friday, March 29**. The deadline for submissions is **Noon Friday, March 8**. Submissions may be turned in on the Out-Lines submission form or emailed to Outlines@ventureoutmesa.com. Articles Limited to 150 words.

Annual Meeting Election Results

Crystal Kennedy

3-year term

Kirk Pittman

3-year term

Gerald (Gabby) Hayes

3-year term

John Varner –

1-year term

Proposition One - No
Proposition Two - Yes.

2024-2025 Condo Board

Lorraine Hee
President

John Varner
Vice President

Elko Kroon
Treasurer

Greg Shelby
Secretary

Linda Danner, Director

Crystal Kennedy - Director

Byron Snowden - Director

Gerald Hayes - Director

Kirk Pittman - Director

How You Can Help Save Water at VO

Water Wasters in VO!!!

Excess Irrigation in Your Yard?

Your lot can be put on a watering schedule upon request. Call Administration.



Types of Nozzles

Regulating Your Irrigation Nozzles

- The small solid **BLACK** nozzles can be adjusted to increase and decrease the water supplied during your scheduled irrigation sessions.
- The **RED** nozzles deliver 2-gallons of irrigation during the session.
- The **BLUE** nozzles deliver 1-gallon of irrigation during the session.
- The **GREEN** nozzles deliver ½ gallon of irrigation during the water session.

Where to Look for Water Leaks Outside Your Unit??

- Example of** blistered galvanized rise pipe may be leaking.



- Example of** old house valve that might be leaking internally causing water damage inside your unit.



What to Look for Upon Arrival, During and Close of the Season

- Check for moisture around the rise pipe and ground.**
- Check for weed growth.**
- Check for rust or bubbling on pipe.**
- Check for silvery colored galvanized pipe – high risk.**
- Check for ground sinking under your unit. This could indicate leakage underground.**
- Administration maintenance personnel will help access leaks.**
- They will access Park's responsibility and your responsibility to repair leaks.**

Example of newly wrapped copper rise pipe with replaced shut off valve. The best solution to ensure water conservation, eliminate leaks and damage to your unit.



Reported by the Green Committee (March 2024)

Projects & Construction



Venture Out
At Mesa, Inc

VO Permits

Did you know that many projects require a VO Permit? Especially if you're planning to utilize Venture Out's dumpsters.

Avoid violations by double checking with the Architectural Director before starting a Project or Dumping.

Not all projects require a VO permit or dumpster fee but be on the safe side by asking first!

Give the Architectural Director a call if you're not sure and you will be reassured to move forward without a VO permit if it is not required.

Please remember to **INQUIRE** about a Venture Out Permit **PRIOR** to beginning work.



EXAMPLES

HVAC INSTALLATIONS

Get a VO Permit and ensure your HVAC system has the correct:

- Noise Levels
 - Placement/Location
 - Size
- prior to installation and **avoid homeowner complaints and/or missing permit violations.**

REROOFING

Some may require a City of Mesa Permit, some don't!

Verify with the Architectural Director and acquire a dumpster permit for old roofing (if needed).



ALL IT TAKES IS ONE QUICK PHONE CALL, EMAIL OR VISIT!

Leslie Romo, Architectural Compliance Director
480-832-0200 ext. 140
Leslie.Romo@VentureOutMesa.com

TRASH PERMITS VO DUMPSTERS

To dispose of debris from a construction or handyman project in VO's dumpsters, a dumpster fee is associated.

There is no fee associated if the debris is hauled away by your contractor.

Dumpster fees are determined by the amount and type of debris accumulated.

Not all projects require a FEE but a **Yellow Dumpster Permit** does need to be on the dashboard when dumping. These are issued by the Architectural Director.

Administration

OFFICIAL NOTICE VENTURE OUT SOCIAL CLUB, INC. ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Venture Out Social Club, Inc. Annual Meeting and Election will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2024 in the Buena Vista Ballroom. The Annual Meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m.

Three (3) candidates will be elected to each serve a three (3) year term and one (1) candidate with the least votes will serve a one-year term. All active members of the Social Club (which includes each lot owner and spouse/partner) are eligible for one (1) ballot each. In accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the Bylaws, only one (1) vote each (for up to four candidates) will be accepted on the ballot. To clarify who is entitled to a ballot for the Social Club, Inc. we would remind you that the Social Club is made up of lot owner(s) only, the residing adult shall also be an active member of the Social Club and allowed to vote. **Voting through electronic or paper ballots (available at the Activity Office) will begin Wednesday, March 6, 2024 through Monday, March 18, 2024 until 3:30 p.m. For those Active Members unable to vote during those days, voting polls will be open for paper ballot voting only from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. on the day of the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, March 19, 2024.** Paper ballots are not allowed to leave the Activity Office. Assistance with electronic voting will be available in the Activity Office. Please bring your instructions from Vote-Now with you. Should there be a hardship to vote, contact the Lifestyle Director. She will schedule a paper ballot delivery. **Be sure to wear your owner's badge when voting.**

All contracted classes & club events are not scheduled from **12:00 noon until the close of the meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024**, the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. The Activity Office will close for the day at 12 noon.

A quorum of 25% of the active members is required for transaction of any business and election. Please make every effort to vote.



Landscape Award for March 2024 was awarded to Bev and Wayne Nugent of 606 Aztec. Come look at their beautiful low irrigation garden.

Welcome to Wayne and Beverly Nugent's "Recycled, Gifted and Repurposed" garden! The plants, bricks and garden statuary have been gifted to enhance Wayne's handiwork. Stop by and see the vintage yellow name and address marker and delightful garden at 606 Aztec!

BY-LAWS REVIEW



VENTURE OUT

S O C I A L C L U B I N C

The Venture Out Social Club By-Laws with proposed changes can be found by scanning the above QR code.

Paper copies of the proposed By-Laws will be posted at the Activity Office and on the Social Board's bulletin board located in the post office hallway.

Please review the proposed changes. Voting
ballots available March 6, 2024

SAVE THE DATE:

By-laws Informative Presentation
Feb 26th 9 am or March 6th 3pm
Oasis

Proposed Amendments and Revision of the Social Club By-Laws & Articles of Incorporation

The Social Club By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation were last reviewed and revised in March 2017. The Social Board determined it was appropriate to review and update, as necessary. The document was reorganized to make it more coherent; these changes are not included in the revisions below. Below are the revisions we would like you to consider when voting to amend the Social Club By-Laws and the Articles of Incorporation. If passed, these revisions will become effective after the Annual General Meeting, on March 19, 2024. Current Social Club By-Laws are still in effect.

The yellow highlight is the new language proposed in both the Social Club By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. The light gray highlight is the current language in the Articles of Incorporation. A rationale has been provided for the amendments and revisions.

Current Social Club By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation can be found on the Website ([link](#)).

SOCIAL CLUB BY-LAW ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Eligibility. Persons eligible for Membership in the Corporation are as follows:

- (a). **ACTIVE MEMBERS:** “If ownership of the lot is in the name of one party only, the spouse of the owner, if the owner is married, shall also be an Active Member, and if the owner is not married, another adult, residing in the lot, shall also be an Active Member.”

Rationale: Language changes to allow two adults (not just spouses) residing in the unit to have voting privileges.

SOCIAL CLUB BY-LAW ARTICLE III: DIRECTORS

Section 4. Vacancy. Any partial term served by a Director appointed to fill a vacancy does not count toward the term limits in Section 3 of this Article III. For example, if an individual is appointed to fill a vacancy, they may thereafter be elected to up to two (2) terms of three (3) years, or six (6) years total. Similarly, if an individual has been elected to two (2) terms of three (3) years and has served six (6) years total, the individual may still be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board even though they are not eligible to be elected to serve on the Board.

Rationale: Vacancy appointment is short-term. The vacancy time served should not be counted against the ability of the Director to serve full terms. It is favorable to fill the vacant position with a past Director who understands the processes of the Social Club.

SOCIAL CLUB BY-LAW ARTICLE V: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 3. Election Voting. A vote received after the designated closing time on the Monday preceding the AGM will not be counted.

Rationale: If the votes are tabulated in advance, the AGM can proceed without delay.

SOCIAL CLUB BY-LAW ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 4. Quorum for Meetings of the Members: Except as otherwise provided herein, by the Articles, or applicable law, a quorum for the transaction of business at the AGM or any special meeting

of the Members shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the Active Members present in person or, if applicable, by absentee paper or electronic ballot. Quorum for any vote to amend these Bylaws is 25% of Active Members.

Rationale: In the past, it has been difficult to achieve a quorum of 25%. Arizona Law provides a default quorum of 10% if the governing documents are silent.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ARTICLE VI:

The Association proposes amending Article VI, Paragraph 1 of the Articles in its entirety as set forth below.

“A regular annual meeting of members of the Corporation shall be held at Mesa, Arizona, or at such other place within the State of Arizona as shall be determined by the Board of Directors, on a day set forth in the By-Laws or as otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of the annual meeting of the members shall be as set forth in the By Laws.”

Current Article VI, paragraph 1

A regular annual meeting of members of the Corporation shall be held at Mesa, Arizona, or at such other place within the State of Arizona as shall be determined by the Board of Directors, on the third Tuesday of March of each year, commencing with the year 1977, unless such a day shall be a legal holiday, in which event such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day. Notice of the meetings, issues by the Secretary, shall be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Recreation Building at Venture Out at Mesa for at least ten (10) days prior to the tie appointed for the meeting; such notice shall be published in the “Venture-Outlines” in the issue immediately preceding the meeting. In the event of a tie vote, a runoff election will be held; ballots to break the tie will be made available to Active members in the week following the regular annual meeting. The results of the election shall be posted following the annual meeting.

Rationale: The current language is defined in the Amended and Revised Social Club By-Laws, Article VI, Meetings and Article V, Nomination and Election of Directors. No need for duplication.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ARTICLE VI:

The Association proposes amending Article VI, Paragraph 3 of the Articles in its entirety as set forth below.

“The terms and qualifications of Directors will be as set forth in the By-Laws.”

Current Article VI, paragraph 3

The election of the aforementioned Board of Directors was on November 14, 1977, Suite 1570, 100 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona. At the first Corporate meeting in December of 1977, nine (9) Directors shall be elected. The three (3) who receive the greatest number of votes shall be elected for three (3) years each; the next three (3) for two (2) years each, the next three (3) for one (1) year each. Thereafter, at each annual meeting of the membership, the Directorships of those whose terms have expired shall be elected for a period of three (3) years, it being the intent that there shall be three (3) Directors elected each annual membership meeting for a period of three (3) years. Only Active Members shall be eligible for election to the Board, with individual terms of office not to exceed a total of six (6) years.

Rationale: The current language is defined in the Amended and Revised Social Club By-Laws Article V, Nomination and Election of Directors. No need for duplication.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ARTICLE VIII:

The Association proposes amending Article VIII of the Articles in its entirety as set forth below.

“The owner or owners of each lot in Venture Out at Mesa, Inc., a Condominium shall be Active Members of the Corporation, with full voting privileges and shall be eligible to hold office. The By-Laws may designate other persons eligible for Active Membership and may set forth other classes of membership in the Corporation.”

Current Article VIII

Eligibility for membership in the Corporation is as follows:

1. Active Members: The owner or owners of each condominium unit in Venture Out at Mesa shall be Active Members of this Corporation, with full voting privileges. If ownership of the unit is in the name of husband or wife only, the spouse shall also be an Active Member. Ownership of more than one (1) unit does not carry multiple Active Membership rights. Any member may decline or resign from membership by submitting his resignation to the Board of Directors.
2. Associate Members: Renters of the condominium units and guests of unit owner who are occupying the owner’s unit, may be awarded an Associate Membership under such terms and with such privileges as the Board of Directors may determine, but not to include voting privileges.

Rationale: The current language is defined in the Amended and Revised Social Club By-Laws Article II, Membership and Voting Rights No need for duplication.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ARTICLE IX:

The Association proposes amending the first sentence of Article IX of the Articles as set forth below. Deletions noted as struck through (~~example~~) and additions noted in bold underline (**example**).

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a ~~majority vote of a quorum of~~ **(a) two-thirds of the votes cast by the Active Members or (b) a majority of all the Active Members, whichever is less,** at a properly called meeting in accordance with the By-Laws.

Current Article IX, sentence 1

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of a quorum of Active Members at a properly called meeting in accordance with the By-Laws.

Rationale: The current language is defined in the Amended and Revised Social Club By-Laws Article IX Amendments. No need for duplication.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Election of VO Social Club Tuesday, March 21, 2023 @ 1:00pm Buena Vista Ballroom

Minutes

Directors Present: Jean Sanders, Jude Jensen, Sue Lavoie, Kay Biediger, Rich Katak, Nan Larson, Leslie Meyer, Dianne Tarrant; Carrie Zinman, Activity Director; David Jones, General Manager

President Jean Sanders called for the question of AGM quorum. Carrie Zinman, Activity Director, confirmed we had a quorum for the meeting. President Jean Sanders explained the difference between the needs of a quorum for the Annual General Meeting and the election of candidates.

The Annual General Meeting of the Venture Out at Mesa, Inc. Social Board was called to order by President Jean Sanders.

President Jean Sanders called for a Moment of Silence.

President Jean Sanders commented on the pictures of various club activities shown prior to the meeting. President Jean Sanders thanked the clubs for their fundraising activities and the many volunteers needed.

Letter of Notice of Annual General Meeting was read by Kay Biediger, Secretary.

Minutes from 2022 Annual General Meeting were read by Kay Biediger

Motion to Accept 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes by Chris Johnson, 140 Navajo

2nd from the floor by Kim Kiernan, 120 Navajo

Motion passed.

President Jean Sanders introduced David Jones, our new General Manager. David Jones thanked the residents for their warm welcome and invitations to club meetings.

Activity Director, Carrie Zinman, shared the many new and unique activities and events this season sponsored by clubs and recreation office. Ms. Zinman thanked everyone for the participation. Ms. Zinman thanked the clubs for the smooth budget process this year. Ms. Zinman reminded everyone of the year-end season event. Ms. Zinman thanked all volunteers in clubs, our kitchen assistants, and especially, Handymen, Library and AV clubs for all they do. Ms. Zinman thanked the recreation staff for their hard work and flexibility, along with Administration, maintenance, and safety staff.

Current Treasurer's Report, including the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FFE) Clubs and Recreation purchases, was presented by Treasurer Sue Lavoie.

Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report by Brian Huber, 526 Douglas
2nd from the floor by Jim Brown, 301 Navajo

Motion passed.

Club Fundraising Report was presented by Vice President Jude Jensen. Ms. Jensen reviewed the why and the flow of all fundraising income and how these funds cover operating expenses by our clubs and the recreation department. Ms. Jensen explained the unspent income is placed in the Recreational Activities Capital Fund, which covers expenses that would otherwise be paid by Condo Board. Ms. Jensen emphasized that fundraising activities also provide a variety of fun activities for residents. Ms. Jensen thanked the clubs for time and effort into fundraising.

Transmittal Committee Report and Recreational Activities Capital Purchases 2022-23 was presented by Kay Biediger. Ms. Biediger reviewed the current committee members and the process for transmittals. Ms. Biediger reported current transmittals in process and transmittals completed. Ms. Biediger reported transmittals funded through the Recreational Activities Capital Fund. Ms. Biediger thanked the Handymen club for the numerous projects they completed this year.

The 2023-2024 Social Club and Recreation Budget was presented by Sue Lavoie.

Motion to Approve 2023-2024 Social Club & Recreation Department Budget by
Dave Halver, 334 Aero

2nd from the floor by Diane Obert, 3 Merlin

Motion passed.

Old Business - None

New Business

Francine Winters announced a quorum was met for election of new Social Board Directors. Ms. Winters thanked her election committee. The election results are as follows: Kathy Gumm (643); Laurie Vasey (583); Betty Varga (474); Leslie Connolly (427). New Board of Directors were introduced by Jean Sanders.

Retiring Directors Nan Larson, Dianne Tarrant, and Jean Sanders shared remarks of their Social Board years.

Lot owner's and/or visitor's comments are as follows:

Ken Kamps, 127 Merlin, questioned the west pool opening date.

Carol Perkinson, 435 Navajo, thanked the Social Board for their work, especially Jean Sanders and Sue Lavoie, who stepped up when our accountant left and presented a clear understanding of where the money goes for resident entertainment.

Sally Johnston, 128 Navajo, questioned missing Patio furniture at the end of the season and the disappointment of reserving the Patio with no furniture. Carrie Zinman responded we are looking for new furniture for Patio. Pickleball requested new furniture on their budget. The Patio furniture matches what Pickleball has currently and furniture was transferred to Pickleball courts.

Jim Wallace, 16 Merlin, voiced great job with budget numbers as residents have enjoyed and participated in fundraisers. Jim requests his name and email be placed in the phone book. Jim expressed disappointment with losing the Outline, which as an Ambassador, he uses the Outline as a tool to share with potential residents.

Jeff Baird, 912 Navion, commented the explanation of the Patio table and chairs given to Pickleball club has been clarified, dispelling the rumor that Pickleball took the Patio furniture.

Door Prizes were given by Carrie Zinman and Ginny Helmbrecht.

President's Closing remarks were given Jean Sanders.

Motion to Adjourn by Lorraine Hee, 140 Navajo
2nd from the floor by Sandy Stroebel, 823 Navajo

Meeting adjourned 2:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay Biediger
Secretary



Sponsored by your

Safety & Security Committee



PERSONAL SAFETY
WED MAR 13, 2024 11AM

Seminar topics being covered:

- How to protect yourself at home
- How to protect yourself when you are out and about
- How to avoid becoming a victim of a scam
- How to keep your home property and vehicle as safe as possible



Presented by

*Lindy Marino
Crime Prevention Officer
Mesa Police Depart*

What is Personal Safety?

Personal safety is defined as “an individual's ability to go about their everyday life free from the threat or fear of psychological, emotional or physical harm from others.”

NO SIGN UP REQUIRED – PLEASE JOIN US
WEDNESDAY MARCH 13, 2024 11AM – 1PM **CABANA ROOM**



Having trouble hearing the Venture Out Ballroom?

Venture Out has installed technology in the Buena Vista Ballroom that can be used along with your smartphone or tablet to help you hear the service more clearly.

Instructions

Install from the Google Play or Apple Store the ListenEverywhere app on your phone or tablet. Once installed open and allow the app to manage calls. Install the app before attending an event in the Buena Vista Ballroom.

Once in the ballroom...

- Using the Wi-Fi settings on your smartphone or tablet, connect to the ListenEverywhere wifi (Not the “VOCommunity Wi-Fi”). Enter the password; “Password” (note the capital “P”).
- Open the ListenEverywhere app on your smartphone or tablet and select the venue called “Buena Vista Ballroom”.
- For Bluetooth-enabled headsets, earbuds or hearing aids; connect them to your smartphone or tablet.
- For wired headsets or earbuds; plug them into the audio jack on your smartphone or tablet.
- Press play and adjust your smartphone or tablet volume.

Note: Silence your phone or tablet's ringer and alert tones prior to the service.

For more detailed instructions on using the ListenEverywhere app, google “Listen Technologies User Manual Introduction”.

*This service does not work if the ballroom’s “Auto Mic” is being used (not typically used for the Worship Service)

What do you need?

- Basic understanding of how to use your smartphone or tablet’s Wi-Fi.
- Headphones or earbuds that can be plugged into your smartphone or tablet
or
- Bluetooth-enabled headphones or earbuds and how to connect to your smartphone
or
- Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids and how to connect to your smartphone
- The ListenEverywhere app



Recreation Update

March, 2024

Happy March Venture Out! It is my pleasure to announce another month of outstanding entertainment and activities, you're gonna want to get your calendar out for these!

But first, a few IMPORTANT messages...

The 2025 concert series will be announced in early May, tickets will go on sale at this time, first to current concert series ticket holders. We will notify residents through email messaging of the process to reserve your concert series seats. If you haven't already signed up to receive the Friday Fast Mail and summer update notifications from Venture Out, a link can be found on the VO website. Please sign-up before you head home.

The VO Voices can be found in the back of this edition of the Out-Lines, beginning on page 56. Thank you to the team that has worked diligently to get this edition out!

The Social Board's AGM is scheduled March 19th at 1 pm in the ballroom, please join us as we vote on changes for the upcoming year.

Congratulations to our star volunteer Wally Andrus!

How lucky we are that these events are at our door steps!

Feb. 26th -Room reservation forms for next year can be picked up in the Activity Office. They can be turned in beginning March 12th.

Feb. 29th -Leap Day Celebration 11-2pm in the Bistro: Lunch tickets are available \$12

Mar 1st- Newcomers Orientation, 9:30 am in the Mojave RM

Mar 4th-Ultimate Chicago tribute 3pm or 7pm in the ballroom, reserved seating \$30

Mar 11th & 25th - Grapevine (coffee and donuts) Bring a coffee cup from home. 9am, Bistro

Mar 13th -Street Dance! Uncorked the Band: 6:30 PM on the patio, FREE

Mar 15th- St. Patrick's Day Extravaganza! Parade @ 10:30 am, lunch and live music 11:30am - 2pm, BBQ Area meal ticket \$6

Mar 18th -Comedian/Magician Michael Misko, 3pm or 7pm in the ballroom, reserved seating \$30

Mar 18th-Annual Art Show and Sale, 9am-1pm in the bistro. Questions? Sally Johnson 970.213.2619

Mar 20th - 5k walk or run, 9:45am outside the community center

Mar 21st- Fleas & Bees 9am-1pm in the Bistro (deadline to register is Mar 18th)

Mar 22nd- END OF YEAR CELEBRATION- Eagles tribute band-advance tickets \$12.50, 7pm at the Sportsplex

Mar 25th- Paint n Party! Fun night with friends painting a one of a kind piece of artwork, 4pm cabana, limited space, tickets in the Activity Office \$20.

Mar 28th- Last bingo of the season, Luck is on your side!

Kimberly Storts

Lifestyle Director

Kimberly.Storts@ventureoutmesa.com

Special Event Meals

Softball Hamburgers

Tickets \$8.00
available from the Activity Office.
\$10.00 at the event

MENU

Grilled 1/3 lb Hamburger
or Cheeseburger
Grilled Onions • Lettuce •
Tomato
Baked Beans • Chips
Beverage

Ice Cream \$2.00
at the event
sold by Horseshoes



SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 24
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Liver & Onions Dinner

Tickets \$12.00
available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, February 20



MENU

Liver, Onions, Mashed Potatoes
and Country Style Green Beans

Sponsored by the Recreation Department

TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 27
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Fired Clay Arts Salmon

Tickets \$25.00
available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, February 20



MENU

Fresh Mixed Greens Salad, Salmon
w/ Beurre Blanc Sauce, dill & Lemon
Wedge, Rice Pilaf, Chef's Vegetable,
Yeast Roll, Butter, and Dessert

WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 28
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

JUMBO HOT DOGS

1/4 lb Grilled Hot Dog,
Sauerkraut, Chips &
Beverage \$6.00

Sponsored by the
Poolroom Association

Tickets
purchased at the
event

Bundt Cakes
\$2.50

Sponsored by the
Croquet Club



SATURDAY • MARCH 2
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BBQ AREA

Special Event Meals

Pickleball In House Tournament

Meals \$10.00 Pay at the
Event
Served 11:00 am - 2:00 pm



March 4
Sirloin Burger, Chips and
Beverage

March 5
Texas Pulled Pork, Chips and Beverage

March 6
Sirloin Burger, Chips and Beverage

Klondike Bar \$2.00

**MARCH 4 - 6
PICKLEBALL COURTS**

Electronics Enchilada Dinner

Tickets \$10.00
Available in the Activity
Office until sold out



**WEDNESDAY • MARCH 6
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Rock & Gem Sloppy Joe's

Tickets \$10.00
available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, February 27



MENU

Sloppy Joe's, Sweet Potato
Fries, Dill Pickle Spear, & Chips

**THURSDAY • MARCH 7
11:00 AM • BAJA BISTRO**

Fired Clay Arts' Homemade Bake Sale

Homemade
cookies,
breads and
rolls.



Nothing tastes better than
homemade baked goods!

**THURSDAY • MARCH 7
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Special Event Meals

Rock & Gem Breakfast

Tickets \$7.00

Available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, February 6



Menu

2 Sausages with Blueberry Pancakes

Eggs available for \$1.00 extra at the door

SATURDAY • MARCH 9
8:00 AM • BAJA BISTRO

Pickleball Grill

Come out to
the Pickleball
building for a
Sirloin Burger,
Beverage
& Chips for
\$10.00
Klondike Bar
\$2.00



SATURDAY • MAR 9 & 23
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
PICKLEBALL KITCHEN

Shuffleboard Club Presents Turkey ala King

Tickets \$12.00

available from the Activity Office until sold out



MENU

Turkey ala King in a Puff Pastry Shell,
with Roasted Potatoes, Green Salad,
Baked Apples with Cranberries, Vanilla
Ice Cream & Lemonade

TUESDAY • MARCH 12
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Venture Out Community Potluck

You're invited to our Community Potlucks. If
you don't know the drill, come see what it's
all about!

Bring a dish to share and enjoy home grown
entertainment

- Mar 13 Dale S.
- Mar 20 Sing & Strum
- Mar 27 Latifa

Bring table service and
beverage glass and a dish to
serve eight. Water and Lemonade
are provided.

WEDNESDAYS • MAR 13, 20 & 27
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Special Event Meals

Pet Association's Corned Beef & Sauerkraut Lunch

Tickets \$12.00

available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, March 5



MENU

Fresh Hot Corned Beef & Sauerkraut on a bun with Pickle spear, Bag of Chips & Sugar Cookie

**THURSDAY • MARCH 14
12:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Meatloaf Lunch

Tickets

\$12.00

available from
the Activity
Office. Deadline:
10:00 am
Tuesday, March
12



MENU

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, & Green Beans

**MONDAY • MARCH 18
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Turkey Croissant Sandwich Lunch

Tickets \$10.00

available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, March 12



MENU

Turkey Croissant Sandwich with Cranberry Cream Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Spear, Church Potato Salad and Cookie

**THURSDAY • MARCH 21
11:00 AM - 1:00PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Tickets \$11.00

available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, March 19



MENU

Spaghetti and Meat Balls with Italian Green Salad and Soft Garlic Bread. Served with Tiramisu Dessert Cup

**TUESDAY • MARCH 26
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Special Event Meals

Chicken Pot Pie Lunch

Tickets \$11.00

available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, March 19



MENU

Chicken Pot Pie and chocolate banana pudding

Baked Chicken Dinner

Tickets \$12.00

available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, March 26



MENU

Baked Chicken Dinner, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Biscuit

THURSDAY • MARCH 28
11:00 AM - 1:00PM • BAJA BISTRO

THURSDAY • APRIL 4
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Baked Cod Dinner

Tickets \$14.00

available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, April 2



MENU

Oven baked cod with rice pilaf, seasoned vegetables, and peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream

THURSDAY • APRIL 11
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Sudoku

5					3	2		
	3	2		8			7	
7			6		9			
1				6	7			
		8				3		
			8	3				2
			5		6			9
	2			4		1	5	
		5	7					4

Sudoku is easy to play and the rules are simple. Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9.

Special Events

It's Friday and that means
it's time for...

**VO KARAOKE
WITH RON &
ROWENA**

BYOB,
Snacks, Glass
and Voice.
Ice & Water
Provided.



TGIR - Thank God I'm Retired!

**FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 23 & MAR 8 & 29
3:00 - 5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Friday Night Dance

February 23
Midnight
Confessions
(Oldies Rock)

March 22
No Dance

March 1
Donny Grub Band
(Country)

March 29
Midnight Confessions
(Oldies Rock)

March 8
Johnny K &
Kompany
(50's 60's & 70's)

April 5 - Last of the
Season
Desert Brew Band
(50's - 80's Rock)

March 15
Thaddeus Rose
Band
(Variety)

Advanced Tickets \$10.00
Non-resident Tickets \$12.00
\$15.00 at the Door
B.Y.O.B. & Glasses
Soda & Popcorn sold
\$1.00 each

Tickets available from the Activity Office until
2:00 pm the day of the dance or until sold out

**FRIDAYS • 7:00 - 10:00 PM
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

Sewing Club Quilt Raffle

**Tickets
\$1.00 each
6 for \$5.00
15 for \$10.00
35 for \$20.00**

Enter for a chance
on numerous prizes
donated by Sewing
Club members as
well as the Grand
Prize quilt

Available at Grapevines, Ice
Cream Socials, Saturday
Breakfast, It's a woman's
world and before the
Fashion show.

**Quilt displayed
at time of ticket
sales & in the
Sewing Room**



**TICKETS AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 20 THRU MARCH 5
RAFFLE DRAW MARCH 5 AT THE SEWING CLUB'S
FASHION SHOW**

Library Used Book Sale

*The Library thanks
everyone for donations!*



**Come to the best used
book sale in the Valley!
Books for only 25, 50 and
75 cents. What a bargain!**

**SAT • FEB 24
& FRI • MAR 15
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM • CC LOBBY**

Special Events

**VO's Own Hams at Heart in Association
with AV...
Present
A Musical Comedy Aboard the Cruise
Ship**



Tickets sales in Activity Office. Both table and theater seating available. Ticket -\$15.00
Performances: February 24 at 2:00 pm
February 26, 27, 28 at 7:00 pm
Buena Vista Ballroom

Gabfest

Come enjoy fresh coffee and donuts!



Coffee \$1.00
and
Donuts \$2.00

Gabfest is an informal gathering with your friends and neighbors for conversation over donuts and coffee/tea. Please stop in any time between 8:30 and 10:30 on Sunday mornings.

Sponsored by the Glass Arts Club

**SUNDAYS • 8:30 -10:30 AM
BAJA BISTRO**

Worship Service



February 25 Speaker: Rev. John Adams **Offering:** Village Missions

March 3 Speaker: Rev. David Antonson **Offering:** Genesis Project

March 10 Speaker: Dr. Don Bierle **Offering:** St. Vincent dr Paul

March 17 Speaker: Rev Joan Gray **Offering:** PICK Camp

March 24 Speaker: Rev. Paul Harrington **Offering:** Gideons

March 31 Speaker: Rev. Tim Hall **Offering:** Sunshine Acres

**SUNDAYS
9:00 AM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

Musical Jam



Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Musical Jam. Everyone welcome! Musicians and singers are encouraged to participate in this fun, laid-back event. Our audience can just sit back and listen or dance to the lively music. See you there!

For more info call
John Grier at 612-991-0722

**SUNDAY • FEB 25 & MAR 10
1:00 - 3:00 PM
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

Special Events

Room Reservation forms for the 2024-2025

season will be available from the Activity Office beginning February 26. Completed forms will be accepted in the Baja Bistro at 9:00 am on March 12.



Pool Use (including Classes) Exercise Classes Club Meetings! Private Parties! Card Games! Everything in Between! Forms must be submitted.

COMPLETED FORMS ACCEPTED IN THE BAJA BISTRO
MARCH 12 AT 9:00 AM
IN THE ACTIVITY OFFICE BEGINNING 1:00 PM, MARCH 12

Shuffleboard Ice Cream Truck

In your neighborhood between 12:30 - 2:30 pm. Klondike Bars, Fat Boy Ice Cream Sandwiches and Drumsticks only \$2.00. Listen for the music.



MONDAYS
12:30 - 2:30 PM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Bingo

\$1000.00 Progressive Last Game Blackout Special Games
Betty Boop • Double Action Odd & Even
\$110.00 Regular Game
\$500.00 Money Ball
Last Bingo of the Season
March 28

THURSDAYS
6:30 PM BV BALLROOM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

February Fired Clay Raffle

Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5.

This vase is Horsehair Raku. Drawing will be held February 29th.



You do not need to be present to win!

DRAWING THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 29

LEAP DAY TOGA PARTY

FEB 29TH 11-2PM

Celebrating an Extra Day of Life!

Live Music and Festivities in
the Baja Bistro

- food served 11am-1pm
- live music 11am-2pm
- no meal ticket is needed to enjoy the
- music & fun!
- prizes for best togas

Chicken Pita w/ Pasta Salad or Grilled Chicken
Ceasar Salad, dessert served with either option-
Cherry Cobbler with Ice Cream
\$12 Meal tickets are available in the AO.

BYOB!!

Sponsored by Shuffleboard

Special Events

TGIR - Thank God I'm Retired!

Lets Get Quizzical

Regular Trivia (variety of topics)
Presented by
Bob Allaby & Crew

Join us for group trivia!
(Maximum Team Size of 8)
Bring your own bottle, glass,
and thinking cap!



**BYOB, Snacks &
Glass
Ice & Water
Provided**

**FRIDAY • MARCH 1
3:00 - 5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Pet Association's Scavenger Hunt

Come join in the fun!!! Receive 8 clues for locations within Venture Out. You will have one hour to collect confirmation stickers and turn them in at the BBQ area. Those returning with confirmation stickers for each clue within the time limit will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of three prizes. You may hunt individually or with a partner (each participant will need to purchase their own ticket).

Tickets are \$5 per person. Available in the Activity Office.

For questions, please text or call
Nephi Williams at 206-931-4283

SPONSORED BY THE PET ASSOCIATION

**SUNDAY • MARCH 3 • CHECK IN 12:30 PM
EVENT: 1:00 - 2:15 PM • PRIZES 2:30 PM
BBQ AREA**

New Image Fashions By Don Scott

- Major brand fashions at 25%-75% off department store prices!
 - Over 8,000 garments from many leading manufacturers such as Ruby Road, Maxine Swim, Get Lucky, Jess & Jane, Tango Mango, LinksSo. Lady, Lulu B, Euro, Jess & Jane, Dunner, Creation, Style Dresses
 - Sizes to fit 4 petite - 3X Women's
 - Watch Batteries replaced for \$3.50
- All Credit Cards Accepted



Bringing the
store to you!

**MONDAY • MAR 4 & 25
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Concert Series



Chicago is one of the longest-running, not to mention best-selling groups of all time! They hold the distinction of being the first American band EVER to chart albums in Billboard's Pop Top 40 over six consecutive decades.

They are the highest charting American band in Billboard's Hot 100 All-Time Top Artists and the #4 band on Billboard's All-Time Top Bands and Duos list.

**Reserved seating: \$30.00
Available from the Activity Office until 10:00 am
the day of the performance.**

**MONDAY • MARCH 4
3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

Special Events

Electronics Club Raffle

Tickets available March 4-15 in the Electronics Club, special events at the Baja Bistro, or call Ken Witt at (602) 921-1487.

Last year's prizes included:

Apple iPad 10.2

Galaxy Tab S6 10.4"

43" Smart HDTV

Apple iWatch SE

Kindle E-Reader

Desert Botanical Gardens

Tickets: 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Must be present if you want to select your prize. Good luck!

TICKETS AVAILABLE MARCH 4 - 15
RAFFLE DRAWING SATURDAY • MARCH 16
12:50 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Sewing Fashion Show & Raffle Draw Everything Coming up Roses

Reserved Seat Tickets \$20.00

available from the Sewing Room Hostess February 12 or the Activity Office beginning February 16.



Menu

Trio Salad:

Chicken Salad with Grapes
Cinnamon Raisin Carrot Salad
Fresh Cole Slaw on a bed of spring mix, Mandarin Oranges with an Orange Glazed Cranberry Scone

Served with Strawberry Mousse Trifle & Sparkling Pink Punch

Fashions by Flair Fashions.

**TUESDAY • MARCH 5
DOORS OPEN 11:45 AM
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

Glass Arts Raffle

Come and see the many wonderful handcrafted items our artisans have provided in the display case.



Get your tickets during various events in the Baja Bistro and March 22 Beginning at 11:00 am

Drawing Begins at 1:00 pm

Tickets \$1.00
7 for \$5.00
15 for \$10.00
35 for \$20.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE MARCH 5 - 22
RAFFLE DRAW FRIDAY • MARCH 22
1:00 - 3:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

TENNIS RUMMAGE SALE

Early Donations of Unwanted Items Accepted!
Moving into VO?



Good, Clean and in working-order items are needed. No Hide-a-beds, mattresses or large appliances accepted. Questions?:

contact Sally Johnston, 970-213-2619 or sallyvotennis@gmail.com

Bake sale donations accepted on March 8th at 7:30 AM
Bake Sale begins at 8:00 AM on March 8th.
Contact Joyce Taylor at 306-630-9375

**DROP OFF ITEMS MARCH 7 • 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
SALE MARCH 8 • 8:00 TO 11:30 AM
THE PATIO**

Special Events

Silversmith's Line Dance Fiesta!

Line Dancers this is your party!

Tickets needed in advance

**\$10.00 Tickets Available from the
Activity until March 8th.**

**Concession - Raffle, Bring Cash
for purchase**

Sponsored by Silversmith Club

SATURDAY • MARCH 9

1:00 - 4:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

Grapevine



Come for an
update on
upcoming
activities and
more!

Join Lifestyle Director
Kimberly Storts to get
the rundown on what is
happening!
Free coffee & Donuts

MONDAY • MARCH 11 & 25

9:00 AM • BAJA BISTRO

The Tonedevil BROS.

(The Powell Brothers)

Tickets \$15.00

Available from the Activity Office until Sold Out



Reflecting diverse musical
influences, brothers Anthony
and David Powell, will be serving
up brotherly harmonies and a
vintage sound of original songs
and arrangements of western
swing, bluegrass, blues, singer-
songwriter, and Americana. Best
known as stringed instrument
engineers, this acoustic
performance features their own

custom made Tonedevil Harp Guitars!

Table Seating & BYOB

Sponsored by the Woodshop Club

MONDAY • MARCH 11

7:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

Karaoke Korner

An easy
evening of
Karaoke
for singers
and those
who want to
listen!



*This event is different from the VO Karaoke
with Ron & Rowena on Fridays

TUESDAY • MARCH 12

6:30 PM • OASIS

Special Events

Street Dance

with music by Uncorked the Band

Everyone Invited!



In Case of Inclement weather, this dance will move to the Baja Bistro

WEDNESDAY • MARCH 13
6:30 PM • THE PATIO

MarketPlace



It's a smorgasbord of jewelry, cosmetics, tools and other must-haves that you can't do without and just-gotta-have "thingamajiggies." Don't miss your chance to find that special unique item.

50 + licensed vendors!
Enjoy lunch in the Bistro!

THURSDAY • MARCH 14
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

St. Patrick's Day Extravaganza

Tickets \$6.00

available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
10:00 am Tuesday, March 12

MENU

Brat & Chips

Ice Cream
Available at the
Event for \$2.00

Live Music by
the Rave-On's
from 11:30 am
to
2:00 pm!

Sold By the
Horseshoe Club
Golf Cart Parade at
10:30 am
Rout Map Available in
the Activity Office

Sponsored by the Recreation Department

FRIDAY • MARCH 15 • 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
OUTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER BBQ AREA

TGIR - Thank God I'm Retired!

Name That Tune Trivia

Song Naming Trivia
Presented by Forest Simmons with
DJ Ron O'Genski

Join us for group trivia!
(Maximum Team Size of 8)
Bring your own bottle, glass,
and thinking cap!



**BYOB, Snacks &
Glass**
**Ice & Water
Provided**

FRIDAY • MARCH 15
3:00 - 5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

2024 Social Board



Robbie Oldemar

I am very anxious to be a member of the VO Social Board! I am a full time resident and have lived here for 13 years. During that time I have been involved with Solo's, president for 3 terms, member for 12 years; 7:30 a.m. Exercise Leader for 8 years; Splashers (Pool Volleyball) president for 8 years, member for 9 years. I have also been the representative for travel sponsored by various clubs in the Park. I have tour guided most of the trips offered in support of the clubs and Social Club. I am also a summer volunteer in the kitchen. Since I am retiring from my travel duties this year, I now have time to devote to the duties that are required of Social Board directors.

My work experience has been in Sales and Marketing for all of my working career. I was a single mom with 3 very active boys that are now married and have supplied me with 5 wonderful grandchildren! My organizational skills have helped me lead sales teams and meet and exceed sales goals in the communications industry. I pride myself on being a "team player" and look forward to joining the team that supports all our activities and goals here in Venture Out. During my working career, I did my Community Service hours as a charter member and officer of a 501C3 service organization that focused on literacy worldwide.

As a Social Board member, I look forward to supporting the clubs that are assigned to me. I also look forward to being able to sort out the "needs" of our Park versus the "wants". In the big picture, the Social Board is such an integral part of what has made this park GREAT! I am asking for your vote so I can play an active part in promoting all the socialization that makes Venture Out special.



Brenda Gibbs

My husband, Larry, and I have owned our home in Venture Out for four years and reside in the Park 6 months each year. Prior to retiring in 2014, I was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 33 years. My job duties included overseeing a small staff, creating and adhering to an annual budget that shrunk each year. This is when I quickly learned to adapt with fewer employees and supplies, and less work hours for staff. In my career with the Postal Service, I had the opportunity to serve on several national boards. I was elected by my peers as a national vice president of our management association. I then received national and state committee assignments which involved an annual review of governing documents and bylaws. I was also trained in the mediation process, participating actively in conflict resolution.

My community service consisted of being an active local civic and commerce member, organizing festivities each year, and supporting our downtown revitalization. As a local Rotarian, I served as our chapter secretary and then president, and I participated in many Rotarian sponsored projects and international student exchanges. I was asked to spearhead the reviving of three local museums. This required assembling a new Board of Directors and reapplying for nonprofit status from the State of Iowa. Our Board was tasked in acquiring community volunteers as well as financial assistance. After one year of taking on this project, all three museums opened for the public to enjoy. These museums continue to thrive today.

I am very happy to be living in Venture Out and participating in as many activities that I can fit into my schedule. I am a member of the following clubs: Bocce Ball, Splashers, Sunshine Carvers, Pickleball and Glass Arts. My husband and I regularly attend the Friday night dances and the Concert Series performances. I have my food handler certificate and enjoy volunteering in the kitchen with Chef Arthur.

By participating in a wide variety of activities in our park, I have been able to see how important it is to keep all clubs healthy and happy. I feel my work and volunteer experience would be beneficial as a member of the Social Board and would appreciate your vote.

Board Nominees



Pamela Egbert

I am running for a position on the Social Board because I feel it is important for members of a community to give back to the community. The Social Board plays an important role in keeping Venture Out's recreational activities running smoothly and keeping Venture Out a fun and active place, and I would like to be a part of that process. I am a retired teacher from Duluth, MN, working as a special education teacher in the area of learning disabilities at the highschool level and in alternative school settings. I served as a Special Education liaison to my high school's student support team and was chairman of our special education unit for several years. I also mentored new teachers. In my community, I worked with Girl Scouts and church organizations. Because of my area of teaching, I have experience in organizing and running meetings, and mediating opposing points of view so that all participants could be happy with the final course of action. I was responsible for meeting federal regulations regarding SPED paperwork and for administering and reporting required state testing in various school settings.

Some of the activities I participate in at Venture Out are the Sewing Club where I assist with Arizona Blankets for Kids charity and playing Bocce. I volunteer at the library and this year I am monitoring one afternoon a week at Glass Arts. Thursday nights I can be found trying my luck at Bingo with a fun group of friends.



Ervin Habeck

My wife, Katie, and I have been owners in VO going on our 3rd year. I decided it is time to give back to our community.

Currently I am filling an empty position on the Social Board so I have an idea about what is involved for Directors. My leadership style is asking questions to find solutions. Listening to the residents of VO is critical for the extended growth of the over 60 clubs at VO. It is the strength and variety of clubs that make VO a desirable place to live, and I believe my life experiences in budgets, finances, and human relations would be a benefit to the residents of VO.

I have been retired from agricultural and executive banking for 13 years. I served in the Army as an NCO E-6 in Reconnaissance. I served in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970 and received a bronze star for leadership in combat.

I graduated from Northern State College in Aberdeen, South Dakota with a degree in Business Administration. I began working for the Production Credit Association as an Agricultural Lender in Iowa, then became the Chief Financial Officer of a bank in Nebraska. I am knowledgeable in finance and budgets and clear communications.

I am involved in the Amateur Radio Club as President and in the Electronics Club as a technician.

I would appreciate your vote and will continue to strengthen our clubs by my involvement in the Social Board and continuing to volunteer here at VO.

2024-2025



ROOM RESERVATIONS IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, February 26

*Pick up blank Room Reservation forms at
the Activity Office*



Tuesday, March 12

9:00am Baja Bistro

**Turn in completed Room
Reservation forms**



Request are prioritize by
date and time received.

*Completed forms accepted in
the Activity office after 1pm on
March 12.*



Special Events

Creative Writing Club's Annual Reading



- Members will read from this season's narratives and poetry
- Free

entertainment for your enjoyment & reflection

Free - But
Donations Appreciated

SATURDAY • MARCH 16
1:00 - 3:00 PM • AUXILIARY BALLROOM

Concert Series Michael Misko (Comedian/Magician)



Part magician. Part actor. All entertainer.

Michael is an internationally award-winning magician whose performances have literally taken him around the world!

With an education in theatre, Michael's greatest asset is the ability to combine sleight of hand technique and theatrical motivation to form a seamless evening of inspired, skilled, and entertaining magic.

Reserved seating: \$30.00
Available from the Activity Office until 10:00
the day of the performance.

MONDAY • MARCH 18
3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

Annual Fine Art Show & Sale

All Original Work • All Mediums



View the work of creative VO artists!
Original art in various mediums on display and for

sale. 10% of all sales goes to the Social Club. **Participant applications may be picked up at the Activity Office. Return application to the Activity Office by March 14**

Questions Sally Johnson 970-213-2619

MONDAY • MARCH 18
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

2nd Encore Concert Presented by the VENTURE OUT CHOIR



Directed by
Bernadette
Carlson
Accompanied by
David Bandfield

There is no charge for the concert, however, containers will be available for a freewill offering which will be donated to a local school music program.

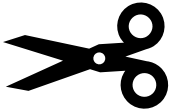
TUESDAY • MARCH 19
7:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

Venture Out Annual Fine Art Show & Sale – March 18, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

1. Show only your own original art, (including all media), original prints, paintings, sculptures, cards, wood, or stained glass. Club Tables are welcome to show or sell. THERE ARE NO HANGING BOARDS FOR PAINTING DISPLAYS
2. Space per artist is allocated in order of sign-up and assigned by the coordinator. Participants are allowed (1) table but may request (2) pending availability.
3. The following will be at your table: A Table tent with your name/table number, Name Badge, sold slips, and price tickets. **Please have your art displayed by 9:00 AM. Please do not arrive earlier than 8:00 am.**
4. All Sales will be made at the designated Cashier table. Price Ticket cards will be provided to the artist. For every sale, you will fill out a Price Ticket, tear off the back pink sheet for your records, and give the customer the white and yellow remaining copy to take to the cashier. The Cashier will keep the white slip and give the yellow to the customer as a receipt.
5. At the end of the Sale (1:00 pm), the cashier will fill out a slip with your total sales amount, less 10%, and the total amount that is owed to you. You will then be given that amount along with any checks that were received. You are responsible for the 10% allocation fee for any checks made out to you.
6. Artists or their representatives MUST be at your table throughout the entire show. Do not leave your table unattended.

Please contact Sally Johnson with any questions 970-213-2619 and return the application below to the Activity Office by March 14th, 2024



ANNUAL FINE ART SHOW AND SALE

MARCH 18, 2024 – BAJA BISTRO
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

SUBMIT TO – Activity Office by March 14th, 2024

Artist Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Preferences: _____

Please specify if you will require a Tabletop Easel Large: (How many?) _____ Small (How many?) _____

Will you need electricity? (must supply own extension cord) *Circle one* Yes No

How many Tables would you like? *Circle one* 1 2 Pending availability

Description of your original art: Painting, including all mediums, cards, magnets, etc. _____

Special Events

Sunshine Carver's Poker Run

What a fun way to play poker!

\$5.00 pp
\$2.00 to buy extra cards



You will be assigned a table where you will receive a list of five homes. You can walk, jog, run ride a bike or use your golf cart to find the five sealed envelopes. Return to your assigned table with the sealed envelopes. Once you return, the envelopes must be opened by the dealer only! The best poker hand at that table wins \$25.00 and a chance to win the Grand Pot!

The Grand Pot is determined that day. Invite your friends. The more that play the larger the Grand Pot

WEDNESDAY • MARCH 20
CHECK IN AT 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Fleas & Bees

It's a "craft mart" and "Yard sale" rolled into one!

If you have items you'd like to sell, drop by the Activity Office and purchase a participant table for only \$8.00. Deadline to Register March 18

No Tax License Required

THURSDAY • MARCH 21
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

MESA TREMBLE CLEFS CONCERT



The Tremble Clefs choirs are music therapy for Parkinson's patients and their spouses and/or caregivers. The Mesa choir is one of five Tremble Clef choirs in the Phoenix area - Scottsdale, Sun City, Sun City West and Sun Lakes. The Mesa choir became reality in January 2022 after two years of planning. The Arizona Tremble Clef Board, represented from each choir, oversees the choirs and helps with funding. Our Mesa choir is grateful to the VO Foundation which provided funding helping us get started. Come to our concert and see the fun we have and the music that we enjoy.

All Welcome - No Charge

MONDAY • MARCH 25
3:30 PM • OASIS

DESERT WINDS BAND CONCERT



A 50-piece concert band performing a variety of music for your listening pleasure.
(Pass the Hat)

MONDAY • MARCH 25
7:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

YEAR END CELEBRATION



EAGLE EYES EAGLES TRIBUTE BAND

Eagle Eyes – Eagles tribute is 'THE' tribute to the legendary California country rock band. Audiences are mesmerized by this group of Vancouver, B.C. musicians' precise vocal harmonies and service to the smallest of details in performing songs spanning the extensive Eagles' Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame Career (including a few selections from Eagles' solo careers!).

Bring your own chair.

BYOB

Advance Tickets \$12.50 available from the Activity Office. Deadline:
3:30 pm Wednesday, March 21

Tickets at the gate \$15.00

The Lawn Bowling sponsored Costco 1/4 lb Brat
w/ sauerkraut and onion (Optional)

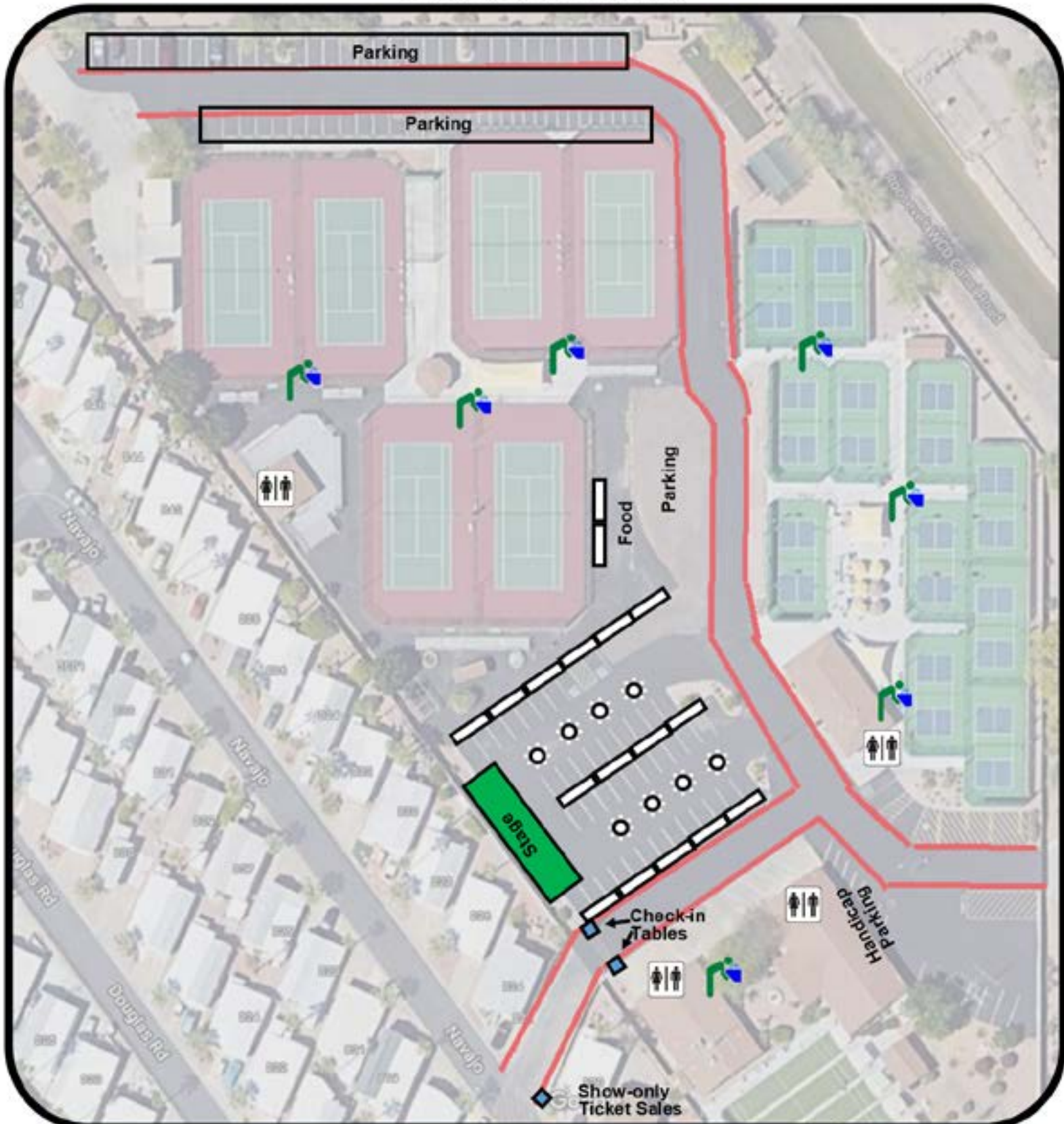
\$5 Tickets - Available at the Activity Office.

\$1 Water Bottle & \$2 Ice Cream available at the Sportsplex starting at 5:30pm
until sold out. Bring Cash

Gates Open at 5:30 pm - Brats @ 5:30 pm - Show @ 7:00 pm

FRIDAY • MARCH 22
SHOW 7:00 PM • SPORTSPLEX

YEAR END CELEBRATION EAGLE EYES



Dining Tables =	○	Restrooms =	
Safety/Dining Tables =	▬	Drinking Fountains =	
Check in =	◆	Fire Lanes Marked with Red Lines =	

(Do Not Block)

See Notes on Back of Page

Eagle Eyes End of year Blow Out

What you need to know:

- **Gates open at: 5:30 pm**
- **Food service: 5:30 until Sold out - Purchase Brat Tickets from the Activity Office ahead of time. Water & Ice Cream Available at the event - Bring Cash.**
- **At the Gate tickets available for \$15:00. No food with Gate tickets!**
- **Bring your own chairs and coolers for drinks**
- **Strongly advise, sunscreen and hats**
- **No chair seating in the Fire Lane**
- **Fire Lane reserved for dancing**
- **Limited parking. No Cars. Golf Carts & Bikes only.**
- **Shuttle service available from the Bus Loading Zone of the Community Center from 5:00 to 5:45 pm and back again at the end of the show.**

Above All ! Prepare to have Fun!

Special Events

Venture Out Swing Band “They Are Awesome!”



Free: Good Will Offering Accepted.

**TUESDAY • MARCH 26
7:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

Crazy Night Golf



\$1.00 p.p. pay at event
Bring putter. Provided if needed.



Sign up in the
Activity Office

Trophy For Lowest
Score!

“Best Lit” costume-
prizes for men &
women!

Start planning your “glow wear” today!

**WEDNESDAY • MARCH 27
7:00 PM • PUTTING GREEN**



Outrageous, Outlandish Olympics! Volunteers Needed



The Olympic Committee is
looking for volunteers to help
facilitate the games.

Please contact Nancy
Fessenden @ (715)570-7839 if
you would like to be part of the
fun.



Outrageous, Outlandish Olympics!



The teams are **READY!!** The games are all **SET!!**

2 fun filled days of laughter and competition are a **go!**

Please join us and cheer on your favorite team as they
compete for Olympic Gold.

Team Colors and Captains

Yellow: Paris White	Purple: Maryann Dahmer
Black: Shelly Alder	Blue: Rick Manshaem
Green: Donna Williams	Red: Terri Link

Come out and support your favorite team by “sporting”
their color!!

**APRIL 1ST & 2ND 8:30AM
OPENING CEREMONIES -
BAJA BISTRO BOTH DAYS
CLOSING CEREMONIES (TEAMS ONLY)
APRIL 2ND 4:30PM**

Special Events

Mesa City Band



The members of the Mesa City Band are dedicated to keeping the history and musical legacy of the community band in America alive and well. From Sousa marches to show tunes, the band enjoys a mixture of historic and contemporary music carefully selected to keep our audiences of all ages entertained and informed. Don't miss out on this well received performance, **tickets are available in the Activity Office, \$5.**

**WEDNESDAY • APRIL 10
7:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

Arizona Shuffleboard Association District 1 Maverick League 1st Place Champions Venture Out Blues



Seated: Marv Rose, Barb Wright, Deanna Walker, and Bruce Wagner. Standing: Bob Walker, Kandy Rose, Dawn Desautels, Anne Strain, and Marv Roos. Missing: Captain, Kirk Juffer and Substitute, Diane Obert.



The Handyman Club members would like to express our sincere thanks to Venture Out for providing the funds necessary to replace our old sheds, which were leaking and in disrepair. The new sheds will allow us to continue servicing Venture Out as we have for so many years, and provide us with the extra storage we so needed.

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ALBERTA GET TOGETHER

Madeleine Royer
780-918-6441

We are having an Alberta Happy Hour Party, **March 10**, from **4:00-6:00 pm** at the **Patio** (between Tennis Courts 7 & 8 and Laundry). Bring your own snacks/drinks. Let's meet up at the Patio and have a good time.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Patricia Malin
513-503-9828

Many people ask, "Why use amateur radio for emergency communications?" Well, one of the first things that happens in an emergency is that cell phone towers go down, leaving large areas without communication. Many states have invested in trunking systems which use a pool of channels available to a great many different groups of users to provide communications for emergency responders. These systems are effective, but in some emergencies, these systems can be overloaded, making it difficult for some responders to get through. Amateur radio fills in the gaps in these systems. Amateur radio operators have the equipment and expertise to provide communication where needed. A Technician Class license is all that is required to get started in public service and emergency communications. The next step is to join a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) or a chapter of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), or Civil Air Patrol.

BIKING GROUP

Mike Gould
308-532-5608

We will meet **Thursdays at 9:00 am**, weekly, on the SW side of the Community Center in front of the Activity Office. These leisurely, social rides are moderately active averaging 10 mph with distances ranging from 10 to 20 miles. We traverse bike routes, canal paths, and residential streets, trying to avoid heavily trafficked roads. We will occasionally visit a coffee shop, so bring a few bucks along. Local areas of interest are our principal destination, generally returning to VO Around noonish. All bikes are welcome. Water and snacks are useful. And helmets are encouraged. No fees. **Let's roll!**

BOCCE

Judy Waters
208-269-0239
Dale Vance
480-262-8898

Congratulations to our January doubles winners Jackie Heronoma and David Elliot and to the February singles winner Barb Bute. The March singles tournament will be held at **8:00 am Saturday, March 2** and doubles tournament at **8:00 am Saturday, March 9**. Thank you to all who helped with the Country Jamboree and French Dip fundraisers. Our last meeting of the season will be **Wednesday, March 6, at 9:00 am** in the **Cabana**. Note the change in location. Our year end Bocce party and dance will be **Saturday, March 23**. Cost is \$15. Sign-up sheets are in the club house. There will be a delicious catered meal and lots of great prizes. Midnight Confession is the band. It's been a

great season with 515 members enjoying the fun game of Bocce. We look forward to seeing all of you in the Fall. Have a great summer and stay safe.

CREATIVE WRITING

Gabby Hayes
208-867-8993

gabby@hayeslg.com

If you are a seasoned writer, or want to learn or improve your writing, please join us for our weekly Creative Writer Club meeting. We meet every **Tuesday**, from **1:00 to 3:00 pm**, in the **Auxiliary Ballroom**. Our Annual Reading will take place on **March 16**, from **1:00 to 3:00 pm**, also in the **Auxiliary Ballroom**. For more information, call Gabby Hayes at 208-867-8993 or e-mail him at gabby@hayeslg.com.

CROQUET CLUB

Our club is replacing our traditional singles and doubles tournaments with a scramble format to encourage more players to participate in the annual croquet event in March. Details will be forthcoming soon, but the croquet scramble will be for ALL skill levels - it's really just a fun way to play a lot of croquet in one day or two. Also, our Annual General Meeting has been changed to **4:00 pm on Friday March 15** in the **Oasis**. Look for more details and signup sheets on the croquet shed door. As always, members, non-members and guests can play open play croquet every day of the week. Our beautiful courts are in great shape.

DOUBLE DECK PINOCHLE

Susan
503-889-6994

Mojave Room. Monday Nights! 6:00 pm. NEW

PLAYERS WELCOME!
We have a New Players Table. Learn single-deck then, double-deck. It is FUN and a great couples game!

EAST POOL EXERCISE CLASSES APPRECIATION GATHERINGS

Rhonda Viney
608-642-4112

You will definitely want to be a part of the End-of-Season Water Exercise Class Leader Appreciation Gatherings for our **East Pool, 9:00 and 10:00 am** classes on **Monday, March 11** in the Cabana Room next to the East Pool. Plan to spend a little time together with food and beverages right after the **9:00 am** class ends OR at **12:00 noon** for the **10:00 am** class. Information sheets and reminders will be distributed closer to the gatherings. Put it on your calendars NOW! Come and say thanks to our pool leaders and enjoy spending time with our morning pool friends

ELECTRONICS CLUB

Alex Young
408-398-8143

Our Volunteer Appreciation dinner is **Wednesday, March 20 at 4:30 pm** in the **Oasis**. Sign up for the dinner in the Electronics building.

GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP

Barbara Henderson
208-604-6084

idspringer@live.com

The in-person meetings will be held in the CABANA Room (East Pool Complex). We ask that you come early enough to help set up tables and chairs. Our meeting times are about an hour and start at **7:00 pm**. Meeting dates are **March 6** and

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March 20 at 7:00 pm, Arizona Time (Mountain Standard time). If you are using ZOOM to join our meetings, the meeting ID is 428 278 7635 and the PASSCODE is 4qXUVm. You should log in about 15 minutes early. Join us and we can learn from each other ways to locate histories of our ancestors. It could be very interesting!

GLASS ARTS CLUB

Deb Sullivan
269-501-0716

We hope you have been able to attend a Gabfest (serving delicious donuts and fritters with coffee) or our Chicken Parmesan Dinner (with special treat of Spumoni ice cream). We enjoy hosting these food events for VO residents. We are selling tickets for our Annual Glass Arts Raffle to be held on **Friday, March 22 at 1:00 pm** in the **Baja Bistro**. Tickets will be available for sale in the **Baja Bistro** starting **March 5**. There are two silent auction pieces available for bids. This is a raffle you won't want to miss! Members, we will be celebrating another successful and creative season in Glass at our End of Year Party on **Wednesday, March 13**, in the **Buena Vista Ballroom**. Mark your calendar and make sure to sign up at the shop for this fun evening of food, music and so much glass on display!

GOLF ASSOCIATION - 9 HOLE GOLFERS

Judy Sell
503-407-0182

Welcome back 9-hole golfers! Club membership dues are \$15.00 per year to support our Social Club. Sign-ups are **Tuesday** mornings at **7:45 am**, in the

Sonoran Room. There are coordinators for two different courses; Linda & Laz Tollas, 480-807-7875 for Sunland Village GC on **Saturdays**, with an **11:15 am** shotgun start; Judy & Rob Sell, 503-407-0182, for Sunland Village East GC on **Thursdays**, with tee times starting at **12:00 pm**. Our Spring 9-hole golf tournament will be played on two **Saturdays, March 2 and March 9** at Sunland Village. The Awards dinner and annual meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday March 19**. We encourage both 9-hole and 18-hole members and their guests to join us. Information is posted on the Golf Bulletin Board in the Post Office Hallway.

HAMS @ HEART

Suzanne Schultz
313-205-9275

Hams@Heart, VO's Theater group, aims to foster interest in the performing arts. The club has just finished its Annual February Show and is now getting ready for next season. Auditions for the February 2025 show will be held at the end of March, 2024. If you have not been involved in a Hams production in the past, email Cheryl Heffner at heffnerdc@gmail.com for information on setting up an audition. If you will not be in VO during audition time, alternate arrangements can be made. The 2025 show will be a musical review. Our club has decided that a name change is in order and members will vote on this before the 2024 season ends in March. Watch the Out-Lines for our new name. Our Annual General Membership Meeting will be held, **Monday, March 11**, at **10:00 am**

in the **Oasis**. Our club is open to all VO owners and renters. Come join us and see what we are all about.

HAPPY HARPERS

Serene Flanagan
218-841-1807

Meeting **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from **9:00 to 10:00 am** in the **Music Room**. We harmonica players love playing songs we know. Our piano player keeps us together as we keep improving our skills. It's great fun and since we play by ear we don't need to read music. Bring your C harmonica or we can sell you one. We will be happy to have you join the fun! Need entertainment? Give us a call!

JUNGIAN PSYCHOLOGY GROUP

Rick Taylor
832-758-8667

Are you interested in meeting others who have found some meaning in studying Jungian Psychology? If so, contact Rick Taylor at (832) 758-8667 or email him at ricktaylormath@gmail.com We will meet on **Monday, March 18, 2:00 pm** at **530 Merlin** to become acquainted.

KITCHEN BAND

Maggie Kleisath
608-732-6686

The VO Kitchen Band continues to rehearse in the **Oasis** every **Monday** afternoon at **2:00 pm**. All are welcome to join us and no previous experience is needed. Most of us play kazoos and teapots which are available when you come to your first rehearsal. In March we will be playing at the Blueberry Pancake breakfast on **March 9** and at Sunshine Acres Open House on **March 24 at 12:00 noon**. We are available and happy to play at block

parties if it fits into our schedule. Dates are still available in March. If you can't make it to any of our events, feel free to come to the **Oasis** at **2:00 pm** on **Monday** afternoons to listen to us practice.

LAPIDARY (ROCK AND GEM)

Steve Wood
563-468-1187

G'Day, February is moving right along but there is time left to enjoy. The girls invite you to amazing and enjoyable acrylic pours. The classes are full but right inside the door is a waiting list that is not full yet. Otherwise, the boys are faceting gemstones, making stone bears suitable for any grandchildren and everyone is discovering the wonders hidden in God's creation. Wire mail bracelets and necklaces seem to be pending, but an inquiring mind will awaken this fascinating art form which is remarkably wearable and a class can be started. So come and join us creating art out of stone, metal, and acrylic. It's all good!

LAWNBOWLING

Mardal Flynn
Mardal@shaw.ca
431-336-1172

Greetings All: Well, our season here at Venture is winding down. It has been a very successful season for lawn bowls. Our club is growing steadily and we are having fun. Lessons are still available on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at **10:30 am**. Get a start on next season with lessons now. Bowls are played everyday and there is no commitment. Just come to the green and we make teams up and play. Play times are **9:45 am** and **12:45 pm**. Please come 10 minutes before those

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times. We have 2 more tournaments, the last one in March is Men vs Women which is quite competitive. A fun time and a BBQ follows these tournaments. Come and join our great club.

MAHJONG

Susan

503-889-6994

Thursdays Nights!
6:00 pm. Bring 3.00 in quarters! There is ALWAYS a new player table and someone to help! New Players, do not bring any money. Mahjong is fun, keeps your mind engaged, and all your friends will be playing!

MANITOBA POTLUCK PARTY

Shawna Hasanally

smhasanally@gmail.com

March 5 in the **Oasis Room. 4:30 to 9:00 pm.** Wear a Manitoba T-shirt or cap: Jets, Moose, Bison or Westman. Something from anywhere in the province: team, park or hometown! Please sign up to bring a dish before **March 5 at noon** on the bulletin board by the post office. We will not have drinks, plates, napkins or utensils! Please bring your own! See you there!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mark Chandler

360-202-7177

Please join us for Bible Study. Paul Harrington leads several weeks, additional leaders too. **Wednesday Mornings, 8:00 - 9:00 am Mojave Room (Main Bldg).** Coffee & Treats served.

MUSIC ON THE TERRACE

Dale Seitzer

651-329-2229

Free and Open To The Public Venture Out musicians perform a wide variety of music in a casual – informal setting outside on the **Desert Terrace.** Join us and be entertained with familiar songs, some

newer less well known music and classic songs. Most **Tuesdays** – between **4:00 - 6:00 pm.** See schedule below. 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26.

MY BIG FAT GREEK MICHIGAN PARTY

Ann Diehm

231-878-0614

My Big Fat Greek Michigan Party will be held **Friday, March 8,** in the **Oasis.** BYOB for a Happy Hour from **5:00-5:30 pm.** A catered Greek Dinner will follow at **5:30 pm.** Price per person is \$20.00. For ticket information contact Karen Mercky at (608) 778-9334 or at 2 Douglas. The last day to buy tickets will be **March 1.** We're hoping everyone will join us on **March 8.**

NOT YOUR MOTHER'S BOARD GAMES

Leslie Connelly

Lesliec3939@gmail.com

480-272-0850

Join us on **Monday** afternoons at **1:00 pm** in the **Sonora Room.** Last month we had a lot of new players. Most days we have more than one game going at a time, one easy, one medium, and one hard. We have played Ticket To Ride, Wingspan, and Cover Your Assets. Learning new games is a great way to keep your brain active. Stop by and play with us. No RSVPs or experience are needed.

OREGON PARTY

Nancy Harder

480-247-0131

Don't miss this multicultural dinner (and last party of the year). **Friday March 22** at the **Oasis.** HH at **4:30 pm,** dinner **5:30 pm.** BYOB plus table service. Paris White providing vocal, instrumental & dancing. Country of your choice cuisine

(Chinese, Mexican, Bar-B-Q) when ticket is purchased. Tickets \$12.50 at the **Bistro** from **11:30 am to 1:00 pm** on **March 14.** Raffle (bring donated goodie and your dollars), **50/50 drawing.**

PARKINSON'S / TREMBLE CLEFS

Libby D'Adamo

307-472-2953

Rocky Junk

563-451-9774

Tremble Clefs Annual Concert will be **Monday, March 25** in the **Oasis.** We're moving from the Cabana to the **Oasis** because the last two years, we've had standing room only in the Cabana...Thanks to all of you who attended in the past! Please join us again, this time in the Oasis. If you have Parkinson's disease or know someone who does, you are invited to come to our Music Therapy group. We meet every **Monday** from **3:00 - 5:00 pm.** We meet in the Music Room, which is just above the Activity Office. Our group is directed by a professional Music Therapist and accompanied by a professional pianist. Because the vocal chords can be adversely affected by Parkinson's, we are taught facial exercises that stretch and strengthen the vocal chords. We sing old, familiar songs and we have a good time singing and supporting each other. Being a singer is not required or expected. Caregivers / spouses are encouraged to attend.

PAN

Susan

503-889-6994

Saturday Nights. Time: **6:00 pm.** Place: **Baja Bistro.** One of the oldest forms of Rummy.

Bring your nickels. Meet new friends. We will teach! **Wednesday** Afternoon. Time: **12:30 - 3:30 pm.** Place: **Upstairs Music Room.** One of the oldest forms of rummy. Bring your nickels. Meet new friends. We will teach!

PET ASSOCIATION

Deb Halver

218-393-5431

Our Annual Meeting is **March 12** in the **Cabana** at **2:00 pm.** Our End of Year Potluck Party is on **March 23** from **4:30-9:00 pm** in the **Oasis.** Please join us for good food, conversation, music, and dancing. The cost is \$5. Pizza will be provided. Please bring salad, fruit, or dessert to share. BYOB Tickets may be purchased at the Annual Meeting or the Pet Walk (Dates and times to be determined.) Watch for signs!

READING SELECTIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON

Leslie Connelly

480-272-0850

We will be meeting on the **2nd** and **4th Friday** of the month at **9:30 am** in the **Mojave.** You are welcome even if you haven't read the book. We will be choosing the books for the 2024-2025 season on **March 22.** Bring your ideas or email them to me. You do not have to review the book if you have an idea. I'm hoping to pick a variety of books next season. Think about non-fiction, fiction, classic, romance, science fiction, westerns, mystery, thriller, and horror. If you have a genre you like to read, send me a few book ideas. If you would like to be on our email list, let me know at lesliec3939@gmail.com. We will be

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meeting all summer. We will go out to lunch after our meeting once a month (lunch is optional).

REDISCOVERING ROCK!

Neal Leathers
bigskyneal@gmail.com
406-544-1540

Rediscovering Rock is the place for everyone who loves Rock and Roll to discover and discuss new bands and songs. Bring your music downloaded on any device with a headphone jack and we should be able to play it through our powerful Peavey sound system. Rediscovering Rock focuses on music released in the 2000s, and lesser known songs from the 80s & 90s. Did you know that along with albums by new bands most of us have never heard of, acts including Paul Simon, Depeche Mode, Metallica, Alice Cooper, Peter Gabriel, and even The Rolling Stones released full albums last year? If you don't want to believe "all new music is crap!", come join us and discover Rock and Roll didn't end in the 70's. We meet every **Tuesday** at **3:30 pm** in the **Auxiliary Ballroom**.

SEWING CLUB

Linda StAndre
360-739-4409

"Everything's Coming Up Roses" Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 5th at 11:45 am in the Ballroom. Get your tickets from a table hostess or at the Activity Office before they are sold out! Quilt Raffle tickets in the Baja Bistro during many meals and VO events.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Kirk Juffer
kjuffer@yahoo.com
We are excited to announce that we have

open shuffleboard games starting at **9:00 am** and **1:00 pm Monday** through **Thursday** and on **Saturday**. We also have **Saturday Night Shuffle** at **7:00 pm**. Lessons are given on **Tuesdays** at **9:00 am** and **Wednesdays** at **1:30 pm**. You now have ample opportunity to join one of the most fun and engaging activities in the park. **March 5** - Turkey Shoot with Meal \$4.00 is for members and \$5.00 for non-members. Sign up in advance at the courts. **March 12** - Turkey Ala King Meal in the **Baja Bistro** - \$12.00. **March 26** - Turkey Shoot with Meal \$4.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. Sign up in advance at the courts. Don't forget to patronize the Ice Cream Cart on **Monday afternoons**. See you on the courts!

SILVERSMITH CLUB

Pamela Resch
509-961-1375

Visit the Silversmith Club, tour the facility and shop jewelry that is handmade by our members. If you join the Club you will learn fabrication and forging of silver and copper to make your own jewelry creations. There is also the opportunity to learn Lost Wax casting of small objects. Drop in to see examples of these and other techniques. And plan to attend our first annual Line Dance Fiesta fundraiser March 9th 1'm the Ballroom. Tickets for this event are \$10 and are available at the Activity Office.

SING AND STRUM

Teri Whalen
605-321-7808
It's not too late to see what Sing and Strum is all about. We meet for several more

weeks on **Thursday** nights, **6:30 - 8:00 pm**, in the **Auxiliary Ballroom**. It's not too late to JOIN us! We're musicians of all abilities who play songs that span decades and genres. We play guitars, ukuleles, and sometimes there'll be a banjo, mandolin, harp, or harmonica. We play and sing--or play and hum. It's all good! We access lyric sheets from our own iPads and supply our own instruments. Curious? Come on over and join music-in-the-making!

SLEEPING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Dena Grutz

Join us in keeping plastic bags out of our landfills by repurposing them into sleeping mats for the homeless. We meet **Tuesday** evenings at **6:30 pm** in the **Sonoran Room**. We need cutters, crocheters, weavers and this year I'm teaching macrame. All you need to bring is scissors or a Size N crochet hook. We do have a few extra homemade looms to purchase for \$25. At this time we do not need any bags. All completed mats will be turned in on our last night March 26. All volunteers are invited for a group photo. Mats will then be donated to Paz de Cristo.

SOFTBALL 2025

Rick Manshaem
616 -293-6201

Dale Leir
306-536-3886

Anyone interested in playing softball next fall/winter, We are looking for you!!! We have teams for all abilities and ages. If you're looking to get in some outdoor activity , build some new friendships please reach out to us . Warm-

up practice games will be in November and December of 2024, and the regular season runs January - February 2025 .If Interested email us at mansh1022@gmail.com or dkleir@sasktel.net <dkleir@sasktel.net

SOLOS

Suzi Picotte
480-296-3010

Solos is a Social Club for single residents. We gather on **Thursday** at the **Oasis** at **4:00 pm** for a potluck dinner and happy hour. Women bring a dish to pass and men bring an adult beverage to share. We are planning our end of year party scheduled on **March 21**. There is still time for new members to join us for fun.

SPLASHERS

Robbie Oldemar
360-425-4670

"Oh what fun it is!" Join us in the **West Pool** for Senior Pool Volleyball. **Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 1:00 to 2:30 pm**. End of the year party for members is **March 20, 4:00 pm** - at the **Veranda**. Club provides the chicken and desert. BYOB, BYOP and BYOU. See you there!

STITCH & CHAT (&CRAFT)

Leslie Connelly
480-272-0850

Lesliec3939@gmail.com
Hey Beaders, Crafters & Stitchers! Do you bead, sew, stitch, crochet, tat, diamond paint, scrapbook, Sashiko, color, quilt, paint, watercolor, draw, make cards, or do any other craft? Stop in the **Mojave room** anytime between **9:00 am** and **noon** on **Thursdays**. You will find us doing some or all these crafts. Last month we had knitters, crocheters, hatmakers, a digital scrapbooker, and a card maker to

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name a few. No dues, no RSVPs needed.

TABLE TENNIS / PING PONG

Al Manter
253-584-6307

We play table tennis at the **Auxiliary Ballroom Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Thursday** we play from **3:00 until 5:30 pm. Saturday** we play from **9:00 am until noon. Sunday** is open play from **9:00 am until 4:15 pm.** We provide balls and paddles and have 3 very good tables to play on. Our dues are \$10.00 a season. Please join us to play a great sport and have a fun time.

TENNIS CLUB

Joan Withers
250-886-0824

We are pleased to offer Beginner Lessons **Mondays at 3:30 pm courts 1 & 2.** Free Drop-in tennis on **Saturdays at noon.** Questions: Larry 306-585-0513. Rackets are available. We welcome new members, and will help you get established, offer you the opportunity to participate in lesson and coaching programs, play and practice sessions, fun, casual play, and a variety of competitive activities and events. We also have a full off-court social agenda. Tennis Club's RUMMAGE and BAKE SALE **March 8.** (See ad). Sally 970-213-2619 or sallyvotennis@gmail.com. Bake Sale: Joyce 306-630-9375. March tournaments: **March 4th - 9th** at SVE and **March 11th - 16th** at SSV. Dinner and Dance in the ballroom **March 16.** We look forward to hosting our annual Fall Classic Tennis Tournament in October. Please contact Annette R 503-267-2000 if you

can volunteer to help prep, serve, sell food or clean up. Contact Doretha Gupton for membership questions at at_gupt04@yahoo.com

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER

Susan
503-889-6994

Friday Nights! Time: 6:00 pm. \$5.00 Buy In. Place: **Baja Bistro.** If you lose all your chips, You can buy in again before halftime! It is great fun and enjoyed by wonderful people just like you. What more could you ask for on a Friday evening?

WEDNESDAYS AT THE SHACK

Patricia Malin
513-503-9828

"CQ, CQ! This is W7EKH, Ervin. HAM radio operators! Come visit with me on the air!" Someone may answer from anywhere in the world! Think of all the new friends you could make. To explore HAM radio, come to the **Electronics Building on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** HAMS will be in our shack on the radios with HAMS from around the world. Try talking to someone from another country. Come as a guest, and join in the fun of communicating with new friends. You can become a member of the Venture Out Amateur Radio Club (VOARC) for free after you join the Electronics Club. Amateur radio operators are essential for communicating in both natural and man-made disasters. HAMS have even assisted families in war-torn areas worldwide to communicate with their families in the U.S. Come join us!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TEXAS HOLD'EM

Don Reuter
701-226-4763

In the **Auxiliary Ballroom** every **Wednesday** night. Cards fly at **7:00 pm** sharp. Come early and have some fun!

WISCONSIN PARTY

Rhonda Viney
608-642-4112

Thanks to so many people who attended our Wisconsin State Party on **February 17.** Your presence tells us you enjoy a good brat(wurst), some wonderful desserts and salads, cash and gift card prizes, WI-themed prizes donated by those in attendance, and some "mystery gifts" you could choose. What a fun evening to meet and greet other Wisconsin friends! We give a very special and heartfelt THANKS to Becky and Lee Nelson for donating and preparing the Wisconsin cheese appetizer for everyone. Chuck Busch, our talented pianist, helped create a wonderful beginning to our evening. We are thankful for the committee that plans and manages this event -- Dave & Sarah, Wally & Kathleen, Maggie & Steve, Bill & Dena, Bill & Jean, Esther, Mary & Nathan, Don & Joan, Mick & Rhonda. They along with some helpful volunteers made this another great event.

GOLF VO GOLF ASSOCIATION 18 HOLES

November 6, 2023 to March 28, 2024.

- \$15 To Join Association.
- End of year Tournament
- Wind up dinner

Monday Mornings

Western Skies Golf Club
Sign up at 723 Douglas
Coordinator Tim Hladik

tim.hladik@gmail.com
403-585-9038

Thursday Mornings

Arizona Golf Resort
Sign up at 320 Merlin
Coordinator Bruce Keil
brucekeil@msn.com
406-697-1582

CARDS AND GAMES

31 Cards

Wed • 6:45 pm • Sonoran

500 Cards

Sat • 6:30 pm

American Hand & Foot

Sat • 12:30 pm • Mojave

Corn Hole

Wed • 12:30 pm • Game Zone

Cribbage

Tue • 7:00 pm • Mojave

Darts

Fri • 7:00 pm • Classroom

Duplicate Bridge

Wed • 6:00 pm
Fri • 12:00 pm • Mojave

Double Deck Pinochle

Mon • 6:00 pm • Mojave

Euchre

Fri • 6:30 pm • Mojave

Hand Foot and Toe

Wed • Open at 12:00 pm
Play starts at 12:30 pm

Mahjong

Thur • 6:00 pm • Mojave

Men's Poker

Mon - Fri • 5:45 - 9:00 pm
Classroom

Not Your Mother's Board Games

Mon • 1:00 pm • Sonoran

Pan

Wed • 12:30 pm • Mojave
Sat • 6:00 pm • Bistro

Rummy Card Game

Mon & Wed • 10:00 am -
Noon • Classroom

Spades

Thurs • 6:45 pm • Sonoran

Texas Hold'em

Fri • 6:00 pm • Baja Bistro

Wednesday Texas Hold'em

Wed • 7:00 pm • Aux
Ballroom

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

Healthier Living

In partnership with Dignity Health East Valley

Take Control of Your Health and Well-being and Get Your Life Back!

FREE 6-Week Workshop Series for adults with any chronic disease or ANYONE interested in improving their physical, mental, and emotional health.

EMPOWER yourself to become an active self-manager of your health and well-being.

To register for this FREE workshop:
Sign up at the Activities Office For more info contact:

Activities Department 480-832-9000

Register Early! Space is Limited!

All participants will receive a "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions" book

**TUESDAYS • FEB 27 - APR 2
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM • MOJAVE**

Matter Of Balance

In partnership with Dignity Health East Valley

Do you have Concerns about falling? A Matter of Balance emphasizes practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling, increase activity levels, and improve your flexibility, balance, and strength.

To register:

Sign up at the Activities Office

For more info contact:

Activities Department 480-832-9000

Sessions are 2 hours each, and meet once per week

All participants who complete the series receive:

- Certification of Completion
- "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls" Participant Handbook

**WEDNESDAY • FEB 28 - APR 17
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM • MOJAVE**

Newcomers Orientation



Should you be new to our beautiful community as a homeowner or a renter, please plan to attend

a Newcomers' Orientation in the Mojave Room; located on the main level of the Community Center. Feel free to bring any and all questions you may have regarding your new home at Venture Out!

**FRIDAY • MAR 1
9:30 AM • MOJAVE ROOM**

Dr. Pease Dental Consult



Meet with
Dr. Pease &
Associates
Family
Dentistry for

a free dental consultation

Sign up in the Activity
Office

**FRIDAY MARCH 1
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
ACTIVITY OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM**

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

Friday Seminar

JFK – Who Did It and How They Got Away With It - by Dan Baldwin

Dan Baldwin has researched the assassination of President John F. Kennedy since 1976. He has a large library of books, periodicals, newsletters, and government documents on the subject and he has spoken with key persons involved with the tragic event. His presentation includes the fallacy of the "magic bullet" theory, the criminal act that was the JFK autopsy, the documented proof of Lee Harvey Oswald's innocence, and the contradictions between government (and media) statements and the actual record of documents and testimony. Baldwin says what happened and what didn't happen was known from day-one, yet the process of murder and cover-up and the framing of a man innocent of the shooting was carried out by government, intelligence personnel, and law enforcement with the help of a pliable media. "It's all well-documented in the official record if you're willing to dig it out – and face the obvious conclusions," Baldwin says.

FRIDAY • MARCH 1
1:30 PM • AUXILIARY BALLROOM

Electronics Club Classes

Beginning iPhone: (2 session class) Monday, March 4, 11, 18, 1:00-2:30. \$30.00 for members.

Beginning iPad: (2 session class) Thursday, March 7 & 14, 10:00-11:30, \$20 for members.

If you have a class or topic you would like to teach or present next season, email Annette Ripplinger at annette2000@gmail.com.

BEGINNING GOURD CLASS



Cost is \$25.00

We have Two classes left for the season. In this class we will show you how to clean the gourds outside and inside.

And techniques to finish the project.

All supplies are included.

we do ask you to bring a face mask to protect you from the gourd dust.

Prepay at the Sunshine Carvers shop.

MAR 5 & 12
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM • CARVERS SHOP

Health Seminar

Peripheral Neuropathy,
What it is and How to effectively get treated



How often do you experience weakness, numbness, or tingling throughout

your arms, hands, legs, or feet? The name for that is peripheral neuropathy, which is a fancy way of saying the nerve is trapped or irritated. There are several natural healthcare techniques that can effectively treat and relieve the nerve from being trapped. Come learn effective treatments that have helped our patients for the past 30 years. We will explain how peripheral neuropathies happen, how they can be prevented, and how they can be resolved so you don't have to live with diminished feeling or sensations throughout your extremities.

THURSDAY • MARCH 7
1:30 PM • CABANA

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

Friday Seminar

**The South and The Slavery Controversy
1793-1860**



In this Friday American History Seminar we will discuss events and people leading up to the Civil War. People include William T. Johnson, Matt Turner, William Willerforce, Theodore Dwight Weld, William Lloyd Garrison,

Sojourner Truth, Martin Delany and Frederick Douglas. Key terms include African Squadron, Breakers, Black Belt, Responsorial, Nat Turner's Rebellion, Amistad, American Colonization Society, and Gag Resolutions. Hope to see you.

**FRIDAY • MARCH 8
1:30 PM • AUXILIARY BALLROOM**

Blood Pressure Clinic



Free Blood Pressure Testing

Stop by to get your blood pressure reading.

**MONDAY • MARCH 11 & 25
9:00 - 11:00 AM • MOJAVE**

FOOD HANDLER'S CLASS



Is your Food Handler's card about to expire? Would you like to volunteer in the kitchen but have no card?

If so, you can attend this Food Handler's class instructed by our own Chef Arthur Acedo.

No Studying Required!
A simple quiz! No Cost!

No need to go off property to take a test. This class does the trick!

Receive your Food Service card - good for 3 years

**MONDAY • MARCH 11
2:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Sunshine Carvers Make And Take



Make and Take a lamb made from a warty gourd. March 13, 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

All supplies

included.

Cost - \$25.00. Prepay at Shop.

Donna Williams
(309) 533-0466

**WEDNESDAY • MARCH 13
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM • SUNSHINE CARVERS SHOP**

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

Health Seminar

Making the most of visiting your doctor



Learn how doctors organize their time with patients

and how to come prepared with information and questions to make the visit a mutually rewarding experience.

**THURSDAY • MARCH 14
1:30 PM • CABANA**

Friday Seminar

Get Organized: How to Rightsize Your Life By Andrea Brundage.



If clutter, chaos, and overwhelm are your daily companions, you will not want to miss this presentation facilitated by

Andrea Brundage, Professional Organizer & Bringer of Calm. With close to two decades of experience in the organizing industry and hundreds of presentations to her credit, Andrea's presentations on organizing, rightsizing, estate planning, and time management are insightful and empowering. What you will receive:

Powerful strategies to help you make good decisions about what stays and what goes
Tangible tips and techniques that you can start implementing today

**FRIDAY • MARCH 15
1:30 PM • AUXILIARY BALLROOM**

Venture Out's Pot-o-Gold 5K (3.1 Miles)

Stroll • Walk • Power Walk • Jog • Run

Route map available in the Activity Office and at the event. Refreshments served at the finish line.

Ham Radio operators on duty to assist enroute!

**WEDNESDAY • MARCH 20 • 10:00 AM
9:45 AM WARM-UP STRETCHES
OUTSIDE FRONT COMMUNITY CENTER**

Sunshine Carvers' Beginning Wood Carving Class by artist Tony Randazzo



Your project will be a cowboy boot.

Come sown to the shop to sign up and view the project.

All supplies included.
Cost - \$25.00. Prepay at Shop.

**MARCH 25 TO 27
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM • SUNSHINE CARVERS SHOP**

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

Paint n Party

\$20 Paint Night Event with a professional instructor.

Supplies and snacks are included. BYOB.

Limited space is available, get your tickets in the Activity Office

**MONDAY • MARCH 25
4:00 PM • CABANA**

Creative Card Class

\$25.00 includes instructions and supplies for
4 Greeting Cards
Door Prizes!



Class instruction provided by resident Pam Klocke

Sign up & view samples in Activity Office (Pay at Class)

**TUESDAY • MARCH 26
1:00 PM • OASIS**

Health Seminar

Essential Oils– Benefits - Hollie Hatch, Doterra



Jojoba Oil

Did you know that smell is one of our very strongest senses? It helps us recall memories, helps calm the nervous system, helps with stress anxiety and depression. These things and more can be helped just by smelling essential oils.

I will also be touching on sleep support and natural ways to help soothe aches and pains. Come taste, smell and try the oils! Excited to be able to educate you on what they are, how they work and how to use them.

**THURSDAY • MARCH 28
1:30 PM • CABANA**

Friday Seminar Is Fido on “The Other Side?”

Death is the beginning of life. Or, more accurately, is death just the beginning of a richer, fuller and more fulfilling life? Is what we label death just a precursor to a life that really begins once someone makes the transition from this physical world to – what, where or even when? The what, where, when and even some of the how are answered in the pages of Dan Baldwin’s book. The Paranormal Pendulum – What the Spirits Say is a general roadmap to a journey we will all be taking. You have the ability to explore the territory in greater detail yourself. Baldwin addresses his exploration of the spirit world from the perspective of the spirits themselves. One of the goals of his book and his presentation is to encourage readers to go deeper into those topics on their own. Pendulum dowsing is just one of many tools available to converse with the spirit realm. He says, “You can easily discover what you can of the undiscovered country today. And fear not, for when you actually do get there, you’ll see - death is just the beginning of life.”

**FRIDAY • MARCH 29
1:30 PM • AUXILIARY BALLROOM**

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

7:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. YOGA CLASS

Al Manter
(253) 307-8751

We have Yoga classes at the **Auxiliary Ballroom Monday thru Friday**. One class is at **7:15 am** and the other at **11:00 am**. We rotate 3 DVD's and the classes are free. You provide your own Yoga mats. We have some straps and blocks for your use.

7:30 WATER EXERCISE

Robbie Oldemar

"The air outside is frightful but, the water in the **West Pool** is delightful!" Start your day with gentle aerobic exercise and a lot of fun and laughter. Please come and try it out.

ABSOLUTE BEGINNER LINE DANCING AND BEGINNER LINE DANCING

Deb Halver
Kay Biediger

Line Dancing classes meet on Thursdays from **11:45 am to 2:00 pm** in the **Buena Vista Ballroom**. We begin with dance step review and Absolute Beginner dances then at 1pm transition into Beginner, slightly more challenging dances. Our goal is to teach line dances that you can dance with us at the Friday Night Dances. You are welcome to come to one or all sessions on Thursdays. We look forward to teaching new dances and reviewing our old favorites. Hope to see you there. Deb Halver and Kay Biediger

ABSOLUTE BEGINNER PRACTICE SESSIONS

Deb Halver
Kay Biediger

Each session will

cover previously taught dances and we ask that you attend only one of these sessions. **Tuesdays at 10:30 am – 12:00 pm** in the **Cabana**; **Saturdays at 12:15 – 1:15 pm or 1:30 – 2:30 pm** in the **Auxiliary Ballroom**. No practice classes on **Saturday March 2 or 9** (come to the Line Dance Fiesta fundraiser for Silversmith club), and **Tuesday, March 26**.

ADVANCED LINE DANCING

Cindy Gould

text 308-830-3383

Deborah Parton

text/call 604-764-9803

debparton@hotmail.com

Upper Level Line Dancing continues in the Auxiliary Ballroom. Improver Level Classes are offered weekly: Monday and Wednesday **3:45 to 5:00 pm**. Easy Intermediate weekly: **Sunday 4:30 to 6:15 pm**. Deborah Parton will be substitute leading/teaching this season for injured Cindy Gould. Current Contact Information: Cindy Gould-513 Boeing-text: 308 830 3383. Deborah Parton: text/call 604-764-9803 or email debparton@hotmail.com

CONVERSATIONAL FINNISH, TUNES, & CULTURE

Serene Flanagan
218-841-1807

We are becoming familiar with this unique language, some Finnish folk songs, and how to translate using Google. We meet Thursdays **2:45 to 3:45 pm** in the **Baja Bistro** (at a table near the west entrance). Previous lessons and the phonetic alphabet are reviewed each week. You already know "sauna"! Surprise yourself by discovering

this new language skill!

DRAWING CLASS

Annette Ripplinger
503-267-2000

It's free, free, free, and worth every cent! Bring a pencil, eraser (40% of drawing is erasing), and a drawing tablet that can act as a table. Throw in a hat, drinking water, and some sunscreen. We are finally going outside to draw! The 30 minute lesson will always be in the **Sonoran** at **10:00 am**. We'll move outside at **10:30 am**, weather permitting, to a place suggested by the class. There's so many interesting places and things to draw in our park, like umbrellas, trees, cacti, and even the fountain at the Oasis. We love beginners and experienced artists alike.

EARLY BIRD CO-ED EXERCISE

Janet Manzardo
231-676-1782

Come join us **Monday thru Friday** in the **Buena Vista Ballroom** for the early bird exercise class, join the fun from **7:25 to 7:55 am**.

END OF CHAIR YOGA

Vikki Lane Kunstman
vikkikunstman@gmail.com

The last Chair Yoga class will be held on **Tuesday, March 5** in the **Auxiliary Ballroom** at **9:00 am**. Please bring your 1/4" yoga mat, yoga strap and water. I would like to thank students for their participation and dedication to yoga during our classes together. Remember to continue your practice and reap the benefits of integrating mind, body and spirit, building strength, flexibility and body control. Namaste'

STRETCH AND TONE

Joe and Kathy Blitgen
563-451-4828

Calling all men and women to a **FREE** Stretch and Tone Class. Come join us at the **Buena Vista Ballroom Monday-Friday 8:00-8:30 am**. Weights on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. All you need to do is bring your mat and weights! If you have reduced mobility, forget the mat, as chairs are available.

TAI CHI

Shari Salzman
425-417-6920

Experience the art of body and mind in motion. This gentle exercise is good for all activity levels. NO ~ experience needed, special equipment, nor getting down onto the floor, and it is free. Join us in the **Auxiliary Ballroom** located on the second level of the Community Center above the Activity Office **9:00 - 10:00 am Monday-Wednesday-Friday**. Class consists of: *Warm-up exercises, *the "Flow" (VO's full Tai Chi routine), and *Movement instruction. Tai Chi calms your mind, gets your blood flowing, your joints lubricated, helps with your balance, and is a fun and peaceful start to your day.

WEST POOL WATER EXERCISE

Roxanne Pfab
563-599-9046

West Pool Noodle Class **Monday thru Friday 8:45-9:00 am**. Noodle class is a great way to start your day. Exercise and laughter. Water Exercise Classes **Monday-Friday, 9:00-9:45 am**. It offers an excellent means for low impact exercise and physical rehabilitation. All you need is a

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bathing suit, water bottle (plastic bottle), and your smile. Water is warm, and Yes! It's co-ed! We want to thank Vicki Lingen and Sherrie Copping for all their help with music and instructing the class.

WEST POOL WATER EXERCISE CLASS

Roxy Pfab
563-599-9046

Come join us and start your day with fun filled water exercise. Using the natural resistance and buoyancy of water against our bodies, our pool exercises target specific muscle groups while helping to increase cardiovascular endurance, energy, stamina, strength and balance. As our season end is drawing near and our pool friends start to head home in the coming weeks we wish everyone safe travels home and a great summer. In the meantime, continue to join us in the pool each morning. Bring your bathing suit, plastic water bottle for hydration and your smile! See you at the pool!

EXERCISE CLASSES

Absolute Beginner Line Dancing

Thur • 11:45 am - 1:00 pm
BV Ballroom

Absolute Beginner Line Dancing Practice Sessions

Tue • 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Cabana

Sat • 12:15 - 1:15 pm or
1:30 - 2:30 pm
Aux Ballroom

Beginner Line Dancing

Thur • 1:00 - 2:00 pm
BV Ballroom

BodyWorks

Tue, Thurs • 8:45 - 9:45 am
BV Ballroom

Chair Yoga 1/16

Tue • 9:00 am Aux Ballroom

Early Bird Co-Ed Exercise

Mon - Fri • 7:25 - 7:55 am
BV Ballroom

Let's Dance - Easy

Intermediate
Sun • 4:30 - 6:15 pm
Aux Ballroom

Let's Dance - Improver

Mon & Wed • 3:45 - 5:00 pm
Aux Ballroom

Rockin' Cardio

Wed • 8:45 - 9:45 am
BV Ballroom

Stretch & Tone

Mon - Fri • 8:00 - 8:30 am
BV Ballroom

Tai Chi

M, W, F • 9:00 - 10:00 am
Aux Ballroom

Vinyasa Yoga

Tue & Thur • 7:30 am
Cabana

Yoga

Mon - Fri • 7:15 & 11:00 am
Aux Ballroom

WATER EXERCISE CLASSES

Water Walkers

6:15 - 7:15 am
Saguaro-West Pool

Lap Swimming Daily

West Pool
7:00 - 8:30 am

Ocotillo-West Pool

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
5:30 - 6:30 pm

East Pool

6:30 - 8:30 am

Water Exercise

Mon - Fri • 7:30 - 8:30 am
West Pool

Noodles

Mon - Fri • 8:45 - 9:00 am
West Pool

Water Exercise

Mon - Fri • 9:00 - 10:00 am
West Pool

East Pool Water Exercise

Mon - Sat • 9:00 am
East Pool

Water Exercise

Mon - Fri • 10:00 - 11:00 am
Saguaro - West Pool

Water Exercise

Mon - Fri • 10:00 am

East Pool

Ocotillo - West Pool

Adult Open Swim West Pool

Mon, Wed, Fri
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mon, Thurs, Sat
2:30 pm on
Sun • 8:00 am on

East Pool

Open Swim All Ages
11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Splashers Volleyball

Mon, Wed, Fri
1:00 - 2:30 pm
Saguaro - West Pool

January 1

Ocotillo - West Pool

East Pool

Adult Open Swim

7:00 pm - on

East Pool

Water Walking

5:30 - 6:00 am • Daily

East Pool



This and That

Library Stats



There were 1,176 books checked out in January—Wonderful record! It is so satisfying to have people looking through the stacks during our shifts!

A successful Book Sale was held in January. \$783.60 was collected. This money is donated to the Social Board and used to fund our library. Our next Book Sale is March 15th and this is a FRIDAY.

Thanks to all who have donated books to the library. We ask for books in good condition. This also includes magazines. Books from the locked case are all large print and are purchased with Social Board funds. They are to be checked out with a librarian for a 2 week period. If the book/books are returned when a librarian is not on duty, please put it in the dropbox to the right of the desk.

Your Safety Matters!!! Be More Visible When Walking or Biking in the Park!!



Your Safety Matters!!!
Be More Visible When Walking or Biking in the Park!!
The Pet Association has many safety items available for you to purchase.

Visit the Baja Bistro to see items displayed amongst the club display cases.

Contact Forrest Simmons 480-532-1813 to purchase items.

VO NEEDS YOU!



Your service is needed to help support all the amazing Venture Out concerts, readings, lectures, presentations, club events, and more.

We're a fun group that helps bring the best sound and sights to all VO's wonderful events. Meet lots of people. Volunteer as you can. No dues.

And just like Uncle Sam - no experience necessary...

Join the **AUDIO VISUAL** team Today!

ELECTRONICS CLUB Services



APPLE: Bill Lawrence will help members solve problems with Apple devices every Tuesday from 9:00-11:00 in the Media Room of E-Club in January-March. From 10:00-noon, Bill will teach you how to scan your slides, photos, and documents. Sign-up required.

WINDOWS INTEREST GROUP: From January 10-February 28, every Wednesday from 2:00-3:00 in the Eclub classroom: Mark Chapman will help members with problems related to Windows.

General Bernie Hoggarth (218-791-6764) is available to help you.

This and That

VO Voices



We Need You!! The Venture Out Voices is a four page insert into the Out-Lines. It consists of human-interest stories about residents, activities, houses, military stories and other features of our park and community. Although it was a regular feature for many years, there have been no publications since COVID. Recently, a movement to resurrect the feature has been suggested. To assist the committee in their task of implementing the newsletters, volunteers are needed to edit, interview, write, and research interesting topics. If you are interested, or know of someone who has writing and/or organization skills, please contact Keith Gustafson at 701-201-0061 or Jodi Faith at 639-339-1333.

Please Register... **YOUR PET**

Annual pet registration is required at Venture Out. Proof of current rabies vaccination is needed for dogs. Bring appropriate fee and vaccination records to the Activity Office during normal business hours

Rules:

1. Pets are to be on leash unless in the gated pet exercise area.
2. Always pick up after your pet.
3. Use the Entrance and Exits as marked. Doing so helps control odor for nearby residents.



Dogs:
Seasonal: \$15.00
Monthly: \$10.00
Weekly: \$5.00
Cats:
Seasonal: \$10.00
Monthly: \$5.00

**ALL SEASON!
TAGS AVAILABLE FROM THE ACTIVITY OFFICE
DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS**

Food Drive



Donate your non-expired, unopened, non-perishable food items to assist local food banks.

Continental Coffee Hour



Speaker: David Bandfield "Thoughtful Faith is Hard"
Special Music: Bill Pearson

Accompanied by Ron O'Genski.
Bring your table service and Blocks
800, 900, 000, 100 a Hot Dish for 12
Blocks 200, 300 a Vegetable Salad for 12
Blocks 400, 500 a Fruit Salad for 12
Blocks 600, 700 a Dessert for 12
Men and Women welcome
A Free Will Offering will be taken

**SUNDAY • MARCH 10
5:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

This and That

Star Volunteer

Wally Andrus, a native of Iowa City, and long time resident of VO, is our Star Volunteer! Wally has been the driving force behind the Pickle Ball Grill for the last 5 years, raising thousands of dollars every year for the VO Social club. He says he owes the success of the grill to the volunteers who help out. He couldn't do what he does without them and offers them numerous kudos. Wally & his wife, Marilyn, started out designing & selling PB shirts and he has continued to be very busy fundraising in VO. He goes above and beyond by driving to Sams Club for his special steak burgers, and buys all the soda pop on sale to ensure max sales for the club. The grill sells 3700 burgers/season and up to 350/day during tournaments. Wally is a true asset to the Venture Out community!!



Star Volunteer Nominations

Do you know someone who is extraordinary? Do they give up their time and talents to enrich the lives of other Venture Out residents? Do they check on residents in their neighborhood? Maybe they teach classes, lead groups, walk your dog, cook meals for others, do shopping or assist others in need. These people can be nominated for the Star Volunteer Award! The Social Board recognizes a Star Volunteer at their bimonthly meetings. This person or couple is nominated by a resident who believes the nominee has gone above and beyond through volunteerism, enhancing Venture Out. If you would like to nominate someone to be a Star Volunteer, stop by the Activity Office and complete the simple form. The Star Volunteer Committee of the Social Board will select the recipient, contact them, and announce them at the next Social Board meeting. Recipients are also recognized in the Venture Out-Lines.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Rick Van Slyke Apr 6

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Glenn & Cathy Squillace Mar 1 55 yrs

Ted & Pam Holmberg Mar 25 56 yrs

Brian & Judy Lally Apr 10 14 yrs

HAVE YOU HEARD?
Outlines
@ventureoutmesa.com
or Activity Office at
480-832-9000

Shirley Fahey, a former resident, passed away January 1, 2024. Condolences may be

sent to her son, Dennis Fahey, 3357 Walnut Pl. NW, Salem, Oregon 97304.

Art Kell, former owner, passed away January 29, 2024. Condolences may be sent to wife, Gayle Kell, Moose Jaw, SK.

Gary Mack, a former owner, passed away January 29. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Crystal Viana at CViana@Shaw.ca.

Reggie Moran, 302 Aero, passed away February 2, 2024. Condolences may be sent to his sons,

Grayson & Dereck Moran, 347 Braeloch Road N., Kelowna, BC. Canada, V1W 452.

Roy Charles Wittwer, a former owner, passed away January 30. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Edna Wittwer at 603 Parmont St. #11 Sabetha, KS 66534.

Elisabeth Zanten, of 725 Douglas passed away January 10. Condolences may be sent to her daughter Linda at dpw.email@gmail.com.



READING SELECTIONS FOR 2023-2024 SEASON			
Book Group Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 9:30 am in the Mojave Room			
Date	Book Title	Author	Reviewer
3/8	Dovetails in the Tall Grass	Samantha Specks	Janice Schwartz
3/22	Select Books for 2024-2025 Season		
4/12	Hidden Pictures	Jason Rekulak	

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Welcome Back!

by Keith Gustafson

The Venture Out (VO) Voices is back again after a 3-year hiatus due to COVID and change in administration. The editorial committee will be compiling two editions this season and then returning to the four regular editions next year: December, January, February, and March.

VO Pet Park by Keith Gustafson

Venture Out has a real park and it's not just for pets! It is a beautiful trapezoid stretch of land (technically a 'retention pond') in the southwest corner of VO, behind the hobby center. As you enter the Park, you'll notice a wooden-shaped saguaro displaying the prior year's pet registration tags. The wood came from an old bridge that was reconstructed at the north end of the park in 2019. The concrete walkway and curbing were installed by Pet Association volunteers over 20 years ago, providing not only an easy level path to follow but also tours you under a canopy of trees and past plant and tree identifier tags, again, made by volunteers. The Pet Walk is fenced into a North and South Basin of off-leash lawn that pets enjoy romping over. It also provides room for ball-throwing and Frisby toss – two activities also enjoyed by real people – after all this is a Park for people too! Chairs and park benches are located throughout, allowing the visitor to partake in a bit of suntanning, or enjoying a bit of shade. While seated watching, reading, or relaxing, listen to the variety of birds that frequent the treed areas. Many more native trees, shrubs, and plants are being discussed for future planting, along with improved lighting and water drip systems. Make sure you visit during the '4 O'clock' hour when many friends and neighbors gather in the shade to talk, mingle, and just visit. This is truly a Park setting – for pets – and people too!

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Crafty Ladies

by Maureen Robertson

Mojave Room every Thursday
between 9:00 am and noon

For the past 25 plus years, a group of ladies get together in the Mojave Room every Thursday between 9:00 am and noon to chit-chat with one another and engage in a wide range of handicrafts. While not led by an instructor, the ladies gladly provide assistance to all in their chosen crafts. From knitting and crocheting to cross stitch and wool appliqué, all forms of handiwork are encouraged and newcomers as well as new crafts are welcomed. As well as needlework, crafts have moved into the 21st Century with the inclusion of digital scrapbooking while traditional work such as bobbin lace making continues alongside.

Most of the completed crafts find their way as gifts to charitable groups including the Christmas Angel program and cancer clinics so donations of yarn or any useable craft items from residents is always appreciated. If you are wondering what to do with all that leftover embroidery yarn or needles and crochet hooks, dropping them off on a Thursday morning in the Mojave room proves a good place to recycle and reuse.

The meeting time on Thursday mornings in the Mojave room proves a popular choice as the Bistro next door offers distractions in the form of clothing and bake sales, as well as the popular Marketplace. A favorite for the Crafty Ladies used to be the regular Thursday lunch, which allowed them to continue visiting over the noon hour.

If you or your neighbors are looking for a pleasant morning of visiting while crafting, this group may fit the bill. Be sure to look in on them and say hello.





Twin Peaks

by Keith Gustafson

Mark and Peggy Kuernum purchased a beautiful unit on Merlin, an example of the evolution of mobile homes into “small houses” or small upscale condos. Driving by, you would never guess that this small, mid-century rambler was a park model with an addition.

Their extraordinary gold colored house has two peaks on the roof, earning the affectionate nick name of “**Twin Peaks**”. The stunning front deck has automatic shades and awnings that can be extended to enclose the porch.

The entire unit is an example of a high-tech home with electronics that control every function. Walking through the front door, you are immediately confronted with one large room, an excellent example of an open concept. Kitchen cabinets, arranged on two walls with the dining room table in the center, provides maximum space and is perfect for entertaining their large extended family.

The rest of the unit consists of a bedroom, two beautifully tiled bathrooms and a den which sports a wall length desk that converts to a queen-sized bed. Twin Peaks was featured on the **2004 Pet Association Tour of Homes**.





Venture Out Baby!

by Keith Gustafson

Very few retirement communities can lay claim to having their own baby. Venture Out can thanks to Diane Hass. She and her husband and two small children were visiting her parents at 619 Merlin in 1980. The plan was for Diane and the two children to stay for two weeks while her mother recovered from major surgery. Diane's husband flew to Colorado for a one-week class. The intent was to meet in their home state of Iowa after their respective returns. The day Diane's mother was released from the hospital, her father was admitted for gall bladder surgery. Since neither parent could care for themselves or each other, Diane was recruited to extend her stay and provide care. The only problem was upon return to her home, she had run out of birth control pills. Prior to being able to refill the prescription, a little surprise was on the way. Their third child, a little boy named Dustin William, was born on the following December 30th, the day of his grandparents' anniversary. Every year Diane and her husband traveled to Arizona to celebrate the grandparents' anniversary and Dustin thought it was for his birthday. Diane's extended family and neighbors refer to Dustin as the VO Baby. Plans were made for the entire family to celebrate his 40th birthday in VO in 2020. The plans were changed because of Covid. We now hope to celebrate a 45th birthday for Dustin next year!

We are seeking input from VO residents on topics to address, people to introduce, new activities in the park, unique opportunities, and other entertaining pursuits.

Please visit with any of the editorial committee about ideas or send articles or ideas to Keith Gustafson (keithgustafson28@gmail.com)

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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Social Board Budget Mtg 1 Newcomers Orientation Free Dental Consult Transmittla Mtg Friday Seminar T.G.I.R. Lets Get Quizical Friday Night Dance	Jumbo Hot Dogs & Bundt Cake Sale 2
Worship Service 3 Gabfest Pet Assoceation's Scavenger Hunt	Pickleball In-House Tournament 4 Ice Cream Truck New Image Fashions Concert Series Electronics Raffle Begins Sewing Fashion Show & Raffle Draw	Social Board Mtg 5 Pickleball In-House Tournament Glass Arts Raffle Begins Healthier Living	Town Hall Mtg 6 Pickleball In-House Tournament Enchilada Dinner MOB	Condo Board Mtg 7 Sloppy Joe's Bake Sale Bingo Tennis Rummage Sale	Out-Lines Deadline 8 9X9 Mtg TGIR Karaoke Friday Night Dance	Rock & Gem Breakfast 9 Pickleball Grill Silversmith Line Dance Fiesta
Worship Service 10 Gabfest Musical Jam	Grapevine 11 Ice Cream Truck THE Tonedevil Bros	Room Reservation Forms Accepted 12 Turkey ala King Dinner Healthier Living Karaoke Korner	Street Dance 13 Community Potluck MOB	Market Place 14 Corned Beef Lunch Bingo	St. Patty's Day Lunch 15 TGIR Name That Tune Friday Night Dance Used Book Sale	Electronics Raffle Draw 16 Creative Writing's Annual Reading
Worship Service 17 Gabfest	Meatloaf Lunch 18 Annual Fine Art Show Ice Cream Truck Concert Series	Annual Social Club Mtg 19 Healthier Living VO Choir Performance	Poker Run 20 Community Potluck MOB	Social Board Orientation 21 Fleas & Bees Condo Board Mtg Turkey Croissant Lunch Bingo	No Friday Night Dance 22 Glass Arts Raffle Draw Year End Celebration	Pickleball Grill 23
Worship Service 24 Gabfest	Grapevine 25 Ice Cream Truck New Image Fashions	Social Board Mtg 26 Spaghetti & Meatballs Lunch Healthier Living	Community Potluck 27 Crazy Night Golf MOB	Chicken Pot Pie Lunch 28 Last Bingo of the Season	Out-Lines Published 29 TGIR Karaoke Friday Night Dance	30
Worship Service 31 Gabfest	Tremble Clefs Concert Desert Winds Concert	Venture Our Swing Band Concert				